

bind the United States beyond their interest in the stock in said company, nor as either affirming or denying the validity of the rights or liens of the State of Maryland referred to in the third section of the said act of Virginia: *Provided, also,* That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to impair the rights of any individual or corporation derived from the original act of incorporation of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Approved 7th February, 1845.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

*To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:*

I certify that the annexed copy of an act of Congress, approved 7th February, 1845, has been compared with the original on file in this office, and found to be correct.

In testimony whereof, I, James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department of State to be [SEAL.] affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1845, and of the Independence of the United States of America the sixty-ninth.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

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NO. 5.

An act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company be, and they are hereby, authorised and empowered to borrow, or raise, upon the bonds of said company, with preferred liens on its revenues, as hereinafter mentioned, to secure the payment of the same and the interest to accrue thereon, such sum or sums of money as may be required to pay for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, under a contract or contracts hereafter to be entered into by the president and directors of said company, and the necessary expenses appertaining thereto, and to pay the interest on the bonds that may be issued for said purposes in aid of the nett revenues of said company, until they become sufficient to pay the same, after the debts now due for repairs on the canal and for officers' salaries are satisfied and paid: *Provided, however;* That the whole amount of bonds authorised to be issued as aforesaid shall not exceed the sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars, if the same be issued in six per cent. currency bonds, or the equivalent thereof, according