

C H A P.
XXIII.

Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eagar Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert Young Stokes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, Aquila Hall, John Churchman, Daniel Durbin, James White Hall, Francis Holland, Gabriel Christie, Ridley and Pringle, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, John Davidson, Wallace, Johnson and Muir, Josias Carvil Hall, Richard Potts, Daniel Hughes, Jeremiah Townly Chase, John Rogers, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, James Murray, Otho Holland Williams, and Henry Lee, junior, actuated by very laudable motives, have undertaken to render the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, and have subscribed the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and obliged themselves to raise by subscription the further sum of one thousand five hundred pounds current money aforesaid, to be applied to that purpose; and this general assembly being strongly impressed with the general utility of the said undertaking, and the beneficial consequences that will be derived from the accomplishment thereof to the inhabitants of this state, by extending the trade thereof; and being willing to give the said undertakers every proper encouragement and support:

Persons
named incor-
porated, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Washington, Clement Holiday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eagar Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert Young Stokes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, Aquila Hall, John Churchman, Daniel Durbin, James White Hall, Francis Holland, Gabriel Christie, Ridley and Pringle, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, John Davidson, Wallace, Johnson and Muir, Josias Carvil Hall, Richard Potts, Daniel Hughes, Jeremiah Townly Chase, John Rogers, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, James Murray, Otho Holland Williams, and Henry Lee, junior, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, for the purposes herein after declared; and the said body politic shall be known and distinguished by the appellation of "The Proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal;" and the said incorporate body shall be able and capable to sue and be sued, in and by the name of "The Proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal;" and shall have full and ample power and authority to do, perform and execute, all and every matter and thing which any corporation may, or rightfully can do, and shall have succession for ever, and to that end, and for perpetuating the said incorporate body, the heirs, devisees, legal representatives, and the assignees of the individual members thereof, ad infinitum, shall be and are hereby declared to be members.

To elect a go-
vernor, &c.

III. *Be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall meet on the third Tuesday in February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, at Havre de Grace, and when and as often thereafter as the said corporation may adjudge convenient and necessary; and the said corporation, or a majority of them, when they first assemble, shall elect out of the members of the said corporation, a governor and three directors, a treasurer and secretary, for the year.

IV. *Be*