

pass to enable any seven or more visitors and governors, if chosen on or before the first day of March next, together with any four or more of the said agents, to do and perform all such acts and things, as by the act for founding the said college might have been done and performed, if seven or more visitors and governors had been chosen on or before the first day of June last; and also to enable nine visitors and governors to do all such acts and things as thirteen visitors and governors might have done for the founding the said college, if they had been chosen before the said first day of June last; and it appears to this general assembly reasonable to grant the prayer of the said petition;

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II.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any seven or more visitors and governors of the said college, if chosen on or before the first day of March next, together with any four or more of the agents, appointed in virtue of the said act, shall be, and hereby are authorised and directed, to do and perform all such acts and things, as by the act for founding the said college might have been done and performed if seven or more visitors and governors had been chosen on or before the first day of June last.

Seven visitors
&c. may act,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That any nine visitors and governors, chosen and elected agreeably to the said act, shall be, and hereby are, authorised and directed, to do and perform all such acts and things, as thirteen visitors and governors might have done by virtue of the said act, if they had been chosen before the said first day of June last.

Nine visitors
may do such
acts as thir-
teen could,
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C H A P. III.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack.

WHEREAS the president and directors of the Patowmack company, by their humble petition to this general assembly, and the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, on behalf of the said company, have set forth, that in pursuance of the acts of assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, and this state, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, they purpose to make a canal on one level, to be supplied by the current of the river from a little above the Great Falls of Patowmack, to a convenient place below those Falls, where they design to effect a communication with the bed of the river by connected locks, and that they are under the strongest impressions, if any canal and locks should be found necessary or useful at the Little Falls of the said river, that another such cut on one level, and a waste of the whole Fall by a set of locks at tide water, will be preferable there on every account; and that as the depth of the water in such canals will be increased on the rise of the water in the river, so as to permit an easy passage for all such boats and rafts as can pass in the river, even less than two feet depth of water in the said canals in dry seasons, with the certain necessary increase on the rise of the river, will be fully sufficient, instead of the four feet required by the said acts, to answer all useful purposes, and that cutting the said canals four feet below the level of the water in dry seasons, will very greatly and uselessly enhance the expence of the canals, occasion considerable delay in the work, and render it in a degree less secure; and have therefore prayed, that acts of both assemblies may pass, making it necessary that such canals contain two only, instead of the four feet required by the said acts, or that if the level should be broke by locks placed a part from each other, that the first level may necessarily contain

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