

1812. court of Somerset county shall think proper to allow him.

CHAPTER 84.

Passed Dec. 18, 1812. *A supplement to the act entitled, "An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and Chesapeake Bay."*

Preamble. WHEREAS, during the time of war against the United States of America, the completion of the work of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal would be greatly beneficial to the United States, by forming the great link of an inland navigation of six or seven hundred miles, and thereby establish a perfectly safe, easy and rapid transportation of our armies, and the munitions of war through the interior of the county, and which would ever tend to operate as a cement to the union between the States; *And whereas,* The prosperity and the agricultural interest of the State of Maryland, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Delaware State, are more deeply interested than their sister States in the useful work of opening a communication between the Chesapeake bay, and the river Delaware, by means of the said Chesapeake and Delaware canal: *Therefore,* In order to enable the president and directors of the said canal to prosecute and finish the important work of the said Chesapeake and Delaware canal,

Proportions to be subscribed —treasurer may vote at elections, &c. SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if the United States shall subscribe seven hundred and fifty shares, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania three hundred and seventy-five shares, the State of Delaware one hundred shares, in the Chesapeake and Delaware canal company, in such case the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to subscribe, in behalf of this State, two hundred and fifty shares in said company, and the money necessary to be paid in consequence of such subscription, shall be paid by this State; and the treasurer of the western shore, for the time being, shall have a right to vote for president and directors of said company, according to such number of shares in person, or by proxy appointed by him; and the said treasurer shall receive upon the said stock, the proportion of the tolls which shall from time to time be due to the State for the shares aforesaid.