

Thomas, John Andrews, Arthur Andrews, James Steele, William Noble, Simeon Pownell, Timothy Kirl, of the state of Pennsylvania; and William Stansbury, Charles Carroll, Eli Balderston, Thomas Tenant, of the city of Baltimore; James Jenny, Samuel Rowland, Reverend James McGraw, Samuel Clendenin, Thomas Richards, Jonas Preston, of Cecil county, state of Maryland; or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, they shall on or before the first Monday of May *Anno Domini* one thousand eight hundred and twenty, procure a sufficient number of books, one or more of which shall be opened at some convenient place in each of the following places, viz: In the City of Lancaster, Borough of Strasburgh, Andrew's tavern, John Hill's tavern, in the City of Lancaster, at George Phillip's tavern, David Thomas's tavern, in Chester county, all in the state of Pennsylvania; in the City of Baltimore, Port-Deposit, and Nathaniel Ewing's tavern; at Bald Fryer Ferry, in the state of Maryland; and in each of them enter as follows, or to the following effect: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Octoraro Navigation Company, the sum of twenty-five dollars, for every share of stock set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times, as shall be determined by the president and managers of the said company, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of Maryland, entitled, An act to incorporate the Octoraro Navigation Company. Witness our hands this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —;" and shall thereupon give notice in one or more newspapers printed in the City of Lancaster, in one or more newspapers printed in the county of Chester, in the state of Pennsylvania, and in two or more newspapers printed in the City of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, for one calendar month at least, of the times and places when and where the said books shall be kept open to receive subscriptions for the stock of the said company, at which respective times and places, one or more of the commissioners shall attend, and permit all persons of lawful age who shall offer to subscribe in the said books, in their own name, or the name of any other person who shall authorise the same, for any number of shares in said stock; and the said books shall be kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day, for the space of two days, or until there shall have been subscribed, in the City of Lancaster three hundred shares, in the Borough of Strasburgh four hundred shares, at Andrew's tavern five hundred shares, at Phillip's tavern five hundred shares, at Hill's tavern five hundred shares, at Thomas's tavern five hundred shares, in the City of Baltimore seven hundred shares, at Port-Deposit three hundred shares, at Bald Fryer Ferry three hundred shares; and if at the expiration of two days the books aforesaid shall not have the number of shares aforesaid, or any of them therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and transfer the books elsewhere, until the whole number of four thousand shall be subscribed; of which adjournment and transfer the commissioners aforesaid shall give public notice as the occasion may require; and when the whole number of shares shall be subscribed,