

Company, shall extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to, and terminate the same, at the city of Pittsburg.

Sect. 4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, shall have full power and authority, to alter and change the route of the western section of the said canal, so that the same may commence at the town of Cumberland, situated near the junction of Wills creek, with the north branch of the Potomac, and be continued from thence by the valley of Wills creek, and Casselmen's river, to the Youghiogeny, and from thence to the city of Pittsburg; provided, that the United States board of internal improvement or a majority thereof, should deem and report that route to be the best.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That should the United States of America, subscribe to the stock of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, the said company shall, within six months after receiving the sum subscribed, commence the western section of said canal, at such point or points as may be deemed most advantageous to the interests of the said company, and it shall be their duty, to apportion at least one half of the subscription of the United States, to the western section of the said canal. And whatever amount of stock may be subscribed by the citizens of Pennsylvania, shall be expended wholly on the western section, unless authority is given to the said company by the Pennsylvania subscribers, to expend their subscriptions differently, and in case of failure of the said company to comply with the provisions herein set forth, this act shall cease to have any force or effect whatever.

Sect. 6. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the nett annual dividend of said company shall, for any two years in succession, exceed the amount of fifteen per cent, such excess shall be equally applied by the president and directors, to the accommodation of the inhabitants of the shores of the Youghiogeny and Monongahela rivers, and of the country drained by the tributary streams thereof, now navigable, or which may hereafter become so, in the same manner, in proportion to the distance, as is directed for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the shores of the Potomac and its tributary streams, by the 11th section of an act of the state of Virginia, entitled "an act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," passed the twenty seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Sect. 7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, at any place within this commonwealth, on the route of the said canal, to sell or lease the use of the water contained therein, or in any embankment, dyke,