

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said ordinance, made as aforesaid by the said corporation, be and the same is hereby declared to be ratified and confirmed, to every intent and purpose, as fully and effectually as if the said corporation, at the time of passing the same, had been competent to the making thereof; and the several subscribers of the said ten additional shares, or of any part thereof, are and shall be members of the said corporation, and shall be respectively vested with all the rights, privileges and advantages, of original subscribers, in as full and beneficial a manner, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they had been particularly and severally named in the original law to which this is a supplement.

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Ordinance ratified, &amp;c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the time prescribed for the completing of the said canal, mentioned in the said original act, shall be and hereby is extended until the first day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five, and the said corporation, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby allowed until the said day to complete the said canal; and if the said canal shall be completed and finished on or before the said first day of December, eighteen hundred and five, then and in such case the said corporation, and their successors, shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges, benefits and advantages, mentioned and enumerated in the said original act, and the supplements thereto, as fully and effectually as if the said canal had been completed within the time limited by the said original act.

Time extended, &amp;c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the bed of the river Susquehanna, from the Maryland line to tide water, shall be considered a public highway, free for any person or persons whatever to work thereon in clearing the obstructions to its navigation; provided always, that nothing herein shall be taken or considered to permit any person or persons whatsoever to do any act repugnant to the power given by law to the said corporation over the waters of said river, so far as the same may be necessary for the purpose of supplying the said canal, and the water-works thereon, or repugnant to the power given by law of excluding others from cutting any other canal or canals along the side, without the margin of the said river, to the injury of the said canal.

The bed of the river to be a highway, &amp;c.

## C H A P. C.

An ACT respecting the poor-house of Baltimore county.

**B***Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passing of this act, the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county, or the major part of them, shall have full power and authority to agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay to the overseer of the alms and work-house of said county, as a salary, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars *per annum*, and so *pro rato* during his continuance in office.

Passed January 20.

Trustee may agree, &amp;c.

## C H A P. CI.

An ACT to make an alteration in the York turnpike road in Baltimore county, so as to pass by the buildings of Ezekiel Towson.

Passed January 20.

**W**HEREAS Ezekiel Towson, of Baltimore county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he is the owner and possessor of a tract or parcel of land in said county, on which there are considerable buildings and improvements; that the said Towson hath for many years past kept at the said place a house of public entertainment; that the establishment of the York turnpike road in said county has removed from the said buildings the road as it formerly run from Baltimore towards York, by which a considerable quantity of meadow has been destroyed, and his said property materially injured, and the difference between the road fixed by the commissioners of review and that contemplated by the petitioner, and intended to run by his buildings, being not more than thirty-two perches; and this general assembly, considering that the difference in distance gained is not an object when compared to the great injury the said Towson may sustain, and it also appearing that the

Preamble.