Potomac, or the distribution thereof into two or more sections, at any time hereafter, or any change in the dimensions of that part of the present eastern section, extending from Cumberland, or the mouth of Will's Creek, to the mouth of Savage, at the base of the Alleghany, or any substitution which the interest of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company may, in the opinion of the company, require to be made, of inclined planes, rail-ways, or an artificial road for a continued canal, through the Alleghany mountain, in any route which may be, by the company, finally adopted therefor, between the town of Cumberland and the river Ohio.

Maryland confirming, the same not to be impaired by any change, &c. Act of March 3, 1825, ch. 52.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, to obviate any possible ambiguity that might arise in the construction of the second section of the act of Congress aforesaid, the authority, by that act designed to be given to the states of Maryland and Virginia, or to any company incorporated by either or both of those states, to extend a branch from the said canal, or to prolong the same, from the termination thereof, by a continuous canal, within, or through the District of Columbia, towards the territory of either of those states, shall be deemed and taken to be as full and complete in all respects, as the authority granted by that act, to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to extend the main stem of the said canal, within the said district; or the authority reserved to the government of the United States to provide for the extension thereof, on either or both sides of the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall impair the restriction in the charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, designed to protect the canal from injury, by the prolongation thereof, or by any branch therefrom.

To obviate any possible ambiguity, that might arise in the construction of the 2d section of the act of Congress aforesaid, the authority given to the states of Maryland and Virginia, &c. shall be as full &c.

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Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the act of the legislature of Maryland, which passed at their December session, of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," be, and the same is hereby, confirmed, so far as the assent of Congress may be deemed necessary thereto.

Act of the legislature of Maryland of Dec. 1837, confirmed.

Approved, May 23, 1828.

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May 24, 1828.

Chap. LXXXVI.—*An Act authorizing a subscription to the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to subscribe, in the name and for the use of the United States, for ten thousand shares of the capital stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and to pay for the same, at such times, and in such proportions, as shall be required of and paid by the stockholders, generally, by the rules and regulations of the company, out of the dividends which may accrue to the United States upon their bank stock in the bank of the United States: *Provided*, That not more than one fifth part of the sum, so subscribed for the use of the United States, shall be demanded, in any one year, after the organization of the said company; nor shall any greater sum be paid on the shares so subscribed for, than shall be proportioned to assessments made on individual or corporate stockholders: *And provided, moreover*, That, for the supply of water to such other canals as the state of Maryland, or Virginia, or the Congress of the United States, may authorize to be constructed, in connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the section of the said canal leading from the head of the Little Falls of the Potomac river, to the proposed basin, next above Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, shall have the elevation, above the tide of the

Secretary of the Treasury in the name of the United States, to subscribe for 10,000 shares of the capital stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

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river at the head of the said falls, and shall preserve, throughout the whole section aforesaid, a breadth, at the surface of the water, of not less than sixty feet, and a depth, below the same, of not less than five feet, with a suitable breadth at bottom.

Secretary of the Treasury to vote for president, &c., of said company, according to the number of shares purchased for the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Secretary of the Treasury shall vote for the president and directors of the said company, according to such number of shares as the United States may at any time hold in the stock, thereof, and shall receive, upon the said stock, the proportion of the tolls which shall, from time to time, be due to the United States for the shares aforesaid; and shall have and enjoy, in behalf of the United States, every other right of a stockholder in the said company.

Approved, May 24, 1828.

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May 24, 1828.

Chap. LXXXVII.—*An Act to enlarge the powers of the several corporations of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.*

Corporation of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, to have severally, full power, &c., to subscribe, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the corporation of Washington, the corporation of Georgetown, and the corporation of Alexandria, within the District of Columbia, shall, severally, have full power and authority to subscribe and pay for shares of the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; and all such subscriptions as shall have been already made by either of the said corporations, shall, and the same are hereby declared to be valid and binding on the said corporations, respectively.

Corporations, severally authorized to borrow money, at any rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporations shall, severally, have power and authority, from time to time, as the same may be deemed by them, respectively, either necessary or expedient, to borrow money, at any rate of interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum, to pay their respective subscriptions, and the interest accruing thereon, to the amount which they have subscribed, or shall hereafter subscribe.

Certificates of stock for the sums borrowed to be constituted.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporations shall be, and the same are hereby, respectively, empowered to cause to be constituted certificates of stock for the sums borrowed, in pursuance of the authority severally vested in them by this act; each of said certificates shall be of the form following, to wit:

Form.

City or town of [here insert the title of the city or town.]

Mayor's Office.

Be it known, That there is due from the corporation of the city or town of [here insert the title of the city or town of] unto [here insert the name of the creditor,] or ——— assigns, the sum of [here insert the amount in dollars] bearing interest at [here insert the rate of interest] per centum per annum, from the day of ——, eighteen hundred and ——, inclusively, payable quarter yearly; the principal sum above mentioned is to be paid on the ——— day of ———, in the year eighteen hundred and ——, which debt is recorded in this office and is transferable only by appearance in person, or by attorney, at this office. ——, In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the said city to be affixed.

—— ——, Mayor.

—— ——, Register, or other recording officer of the corporation.

A list of such certificates denoting their respective numbers, &c., to be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury.

A list of all such certificates, denoting their respective numbers, dates, and sums, and the persons to whom the same shall have been issued, authenticated by the mayor, subscribing the same, shall be deposited by said officer at the time of subscribing the same, or within ten days thereafter, with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

The said certificate shall not be issued, in any case, for a less sum