

company, the whole length of the line, from its eastern terminus, in the District of Columbia, to the town of Cumberland; and also provide for the payment of the existing debts of the company, out of the profits to be derived from the tolls on the canal; and upon the further condition, that there shall be granted and secured to the United States, in perpetuity, the right to transport upon the said canal, through its entire length, if desired, all such troops, small arms and camp equipage, as the public interest may require, free from charge; and shall stipulate to maintain and preserve the same equal rate of tolls at all times, throughout the whole length of said canal, from Cumberland to its eastern terminus, in the District of Columbia, and the said State shall give her assent to the terms and conditions of this act, before the end of that session of her legislature, which is to commence in December, of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.