

company for and during the first year after the passage of this act, and until their successors as such board shall have been duly elected and qualified, pursuant to the by-laws and regulations which shall be established by such board, and thereafter the said interests and affairs shall be managed and controlled by a board of nine directors, stockholders of said company, elected by a majority of the votes of all the stockholders attending in person or by proxy, at the annual meeting of the stockholders, each share of stock so represented being entitled to one vote, and such board of directors aforesaid shall elect from their number a president and a secretary and treasurer. The board of directors from time to time, may and shall make, enact, alter and re-enact any and all lawful by-laws, rules and regulations touching the organization of said company, taking subscriptions to its capital stock, the payment of such subscription, to issue and transfer certificates, and the mode of conducting all the affairs of said company, and shall have full power in law and in equity to enforce the same.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation is hereby authorized to consolidate with such railroad or railroads as it may connect with or cross upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them, or said corporation may lease or purchase such connecting roads, or may be leased or purchased by them.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation may enter upon, grade, occupy and use any public road, street or highway in said county or any city or town therein within the limits aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid, so, however, as not to prevent the free and convenient travel over such public road, street or highway by any citizen and provided further that the said corporation shall keep the county road or public streets occupied by them in good order between their tracks and for two feet on each side thereof; and the said corporation is further authorized and empowered to acquire such right of way or the use of lands as it may find needful or advantageous to the construction and operation of such railway line or lines by purchase, gift or grant, and for the purpose of obtaining rights of way which may be wanted for the proper construction of such railway line or lines when said corporation cannot agree with the owner or where the owner is *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or under any other legal disability, or out of said county when such property may be wanted, said corporation may proceed to condemn and acquire the use thereof in the manner provided in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland amendatory thereof, pro-