

roads so leased and the shops, depots, buildings, elevators, wharves, vessels and other property of such roads and their branches, and may be for such periods and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties thereto, and shall operate to confer upon the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company all the powers to use and operate the roads and property so leased, that the lessor or lessors thereof may possess and have power to grant by such lease; the said Western Maryland tidewater railroad company is further authorized to contract with any of the companies whose roads and other property it is hereby empowered to lease for the purchase of such road and other property, or any part thereof, and to purchase the same, and receive conveyance thereof, and shall acquire such rights to hold and use the property so purchased and conveyed as the vendor or vendors thereof may possess and can grant; provided, however, that no such lease or purchase shall be entered into until the same shall have been sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the shares of the capital stock of the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company, represented in person or by proxy, at a general or special meeting of its stockholders convened according to the charter and by-laws of said company.

May purchase.

Proviso.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company shall have the power to subscribe for or purchase and hold, with all the rights of an owner, shares of the capital stock of any of the railroad companies whose lines it is hereby authorized to lease, and to aid such railroad companies in the construction of their railroads by means of subscription to the capital stock of such railroad companies by guaranteeing the mortgage bonds of said companies or otherwise.

May hold shares.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That said Western Maryland tidewater railroad company be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and operate the whole or any part of both or either of the lines it is entitled to construct under its charter and under this act, in such order as it may deem best, and to have and enjoy all the corporate rights and franchises conferred by its original charter and by this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, as to the whole or any part of either or both of said lines as the same shall be completed.

To operate.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved March 22, 1890.