

Proviso.

by such route as may seem to said company most suitable and proper, within the limits hereinafter provided, and at the same time to proceed with the construction of so much of said road as lies East of the Susquehanna river; *provided*, that the said company shall within one year from the passage of this act, commence the construction of their road at or near Stemmer's Run, and complete and put in running order at least six miles thereof, running eastwardly from that point, in each and every year thereafter until the whole road shall be finished to the Susquehanna river, and by a route running not more than one mile from the town of Belair, and thence by the most eligible route to the said Susquehanna river, at or near the former mouth of Deer creek near Stafford.

In force.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Reservation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Legislature reserves to itself the right to alter, amend or repeal this Act at its pleasure.

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### CHAPTER 135.

Passed Mar. 18, 1887. AN ACT to protect churches and church property and parsonages and to punish trespasses on the same.

Penalty for violations.

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person unlawfully and maliciously shall disfigure, cut, mutilate, injure or damage any church, house of worship, its pews, seats, wall, windows, shutters, trees, tomb-stones, fencing, inclosures, or other property in or belonging thereto, or any parsonage, its furniture, trees, fencing, or inclosures near and belonging to the same, he shall on conviction before a Justice of the Peace, or the Circuit Court of the county or city where the said property may be situated, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined in the discretion of the said Justice or Court, in a sum of money not less than three dollars, nor more than