

tolls exceeding the rates of six cents a mile per ton on all goods, merchandise or property of any description whatsoever, transported on said road, nor more than four cents a mile for each passenger they may transport.

Oath to be taken.

Sec. 22. *And be it enacted*, That every President and Director of said Company before entering on the duties of his office, as hereinbefore described, shall swear or affirm as the case may be, that he will well and truly discharge the duties of his office to the best of his skill and judgment.

May form a Union with other Companies.

Sec. 23. *And be it enacted*, That the said railroad company, by such mode as may be hereafter authorized by any meeting of the stockholders representing in value a majority of the stock of the same, be and they are hereby authorized to form a union with any company incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose of opening and constructing a railroad to Maryland and Pennsylvania line, so that the said corporation shall be merged in and constituted one body corporate, under the name of the Central Maryland Railroad Company as aforesaid, upon such terms and conditions and under such regulations as may be specified in the agreement of union, and that the bodies corporate so formed shall be entitled within this State to all the privileges and advantages, and subject to the same restrictions as the aforesaid Maryland Central Railroad chartered by this Act.

When to be commenced.

Sec. 24. *And be it enacted*, That should this railroad as aforesaid not be commenced within five years from the passage of this Act, and not finished within twenty years, then this Act shall be null and void.

Reservation.

Sec. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly reserves to itself the right to alter, amend or repeal this Act of incorporation at pleasure.

In force.

Sec. 26. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.