

CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company, to enlarge its powers and to sanction and authorize the construction by the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company of the route and bridge set forth in this Act.

Granting power to a railroad company WHEREAS, By the charter of the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company, the said company is authorized to construct a railroad beginning at or near Howardsville station, on the line of the Western Maryland Railroad in Baltimore county, and running to the south side of the middle branch of the Patapsco river; and,

Amending its charter. WHEREAS, By certain Acts amendatory of said charter, the said company is also authorized to construct, maintain and operate elevators, wharves, piers and other terminal works, and acquire the necessary property therefor, at or near a terminus at tidewater in or near the City of Baltimore, and also to construct an additional route or routes and branches from said railroad; and,

WHEREAS, The said railroad is now engaged in the construction of a portion of its said route, as set forth in an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved April 5, 1889, and known as Ordinance No. 23, of the years 1888-1889, including the bridge therein described; and,

Plans of bridge. WHEREAS, The plans for said bridge have been ratified and approved by the said Harbor Board of the City of Baltimore, and also by the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and also by the proper authorities of the United States Government; and,

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the powers of the said Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company should be more specifically defined.

Ratifying and approving its powers. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Ordinance No. 23, of the ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved April 5th, 1889, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, said ratification and approval to have the same effect as if the authority to pass the said ordinance had been previously given by the General Assembly of Maryland, and the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland be, and it is hereby authorized