

ward through Washington and Allegany Counties, Maryland, and said Morgan and Mineral Counties, West Virginia, to its connection with the system of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway Company, near Cumberland, upon its route as now located, be and the same are hereby approved.

Powers of condemnation. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the special powers of condemnation conferred upon the Western Maryland Railroad Company by said Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1872, said company be and it is hereby authorized in all cases, whether arising under this Act or otherwise, to have and exercise all the powers of condemnation, and to have and exercise the same in the manner and according to the method prescribed by the general railroad incorporation laws of this State as set out in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, or any amendments thereof already made, or which shall be hereafter made.

Crossing and bridging the canal. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Western Maryland Railroad Company be and it is hereby expressly authorized to cross, recross and bridge with its railroad the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Potomac Valley and the Potomac river, at the places where its said railroad line has been now located and laid down upon the ground, or at such other places as shall be found to be necessary and proper by said railroad company and to condemn all such easements of crossing if necessary, and that the aforesaid action of the Board of Public Works of Maryland in approving the said plans and fixtures of the said railroad company for crossing the said canal be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, and the Board of Public Works may hereafter approve any changes or modifications of said plans or fixtures upon the application of said railroad company.

Use of land in perpetuity. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Western Maryland Railroad Company be and it is hereby expressly authorized to condemn, either under the special provisions of its charter or under the aforesaid general law, for its use in perpetuity, as a right of way for its railroad as now located thereon, such strips and parcels of land of, or owned by, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and any interest or ownership in said strips and parcels of land upon which said railroad is now located, which lie on the berme or northern side of said canal between Big Pool, in Washington County, and the terminus of said railroad near Cumberland, and whether said strips and parcels lie above the waters of said canal or are covered by waters