

nect and consolidate with the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, at its January session, held in Dover, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, with the view of joining this road at the State line dividing the States of Maryland and Delaware, so that the capital stock of the said companies respectively, shall constitute common stock, and the respective companies shall thereafter constitute one company, and be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities which each of them possess, have and enjoy, under and by virtue of their respective charters.

Common stock.

Unite capital stock

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, aforesaid, shall have power to unite, connect, and consolidate with any railroad company, or companies, either in or out of this State, so that the capital stock of said companies so united, connected, and consolidated, respectively, shall constitute a common stock; and the respective companies shall thereafter constitute one company, and be entitled to all the rights, privileges, and immunities which each of them possess, have and enjoy, under and by virtue of their respective charters.

Power to lease.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the said Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, shall have the power to lease and operate any railroad or railroads, either in or out of this State for the purpose of carrying on their business.

Issue mortgage bonds

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That the said Baltimore, Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, shall have the power and authority to issue mortgage bonds of the said company, with coupons attached for such sum or sums, and in such amounts, as they may deem advisable, sufficient for building, equipping, and maintaining the said railroad, and its steamships, steamboats, and barges, payable at such times, and on such terms, as the directors may determine; and the said company shall also have the power and authority, by their proper officers, to mortgage the said road with all their personal and real estates, franchises, rights and privileges, for the security and payment of the said mortgage bonds, and