

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when the legislature shall provide for the exercise of the option and right reserved to the state, as mentioned in the second section of this act, they may also provide for the appointment of such directors, auditors, for the purpose of liquidating the accounts, and ascertaining the actual cost of the said rail road, and other officers or officer, to have charge and superintendance of the interest of the state, in any separate stock, which the state shall so elect to take, in such manner as to the legislature shall seem proper, the control of the state over the rail road hereby authorised to be constructed, to be always commensurate with the amount of the state's interest therein; *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed to preclude the legislature of this state from the imposition of such taxes as may be reasonable and just, in accordance with the burthens imposed on other real or personal property.

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Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president, or chief officer of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, to report upon oath, or affirmation, to the General Assembly, on the first day of each session, the amount of money expended in forming the road hereby authorised, and the amount of tolls and other charges received therefrom.

Repeal to be made of amounts of cost, &c.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if the said rail road shall not be commenced within one year from the passage of this act, and finished within this state in three years thereafter, then this act shall be null and void.

if not commenced within one year act to be void.

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A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the despatch of Business in Baltimore County Court. Passed Feb 22.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the thirteenth day of April be held next, there shall be in each and every year four city terms of Baltimore county court, instead of eight, as required by the third section of the act to which this is a supplement.

Four terms to be held

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the terms of said court, as provided by this act, shall be held as follows, that is to say, the first day of May shall be the commencement of the first term; the first day of September shall commence the

when to be held