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any of said roads; and that the provisions of this act shall be wholly in force, as to all the property of the company which may be situated, or may be within the state of Maryland, and which said company is permitted to hold under this act.

Period for commencing and completing.

Sec. 24. *And be it enacted*, That if said road shall not be commenced in two years from the passage of this act, and shall not be finished in ten years from the time of the commencement thereof, then this act shall be null and void.

Authority to extend within the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 25. *And be it enacted*, That it shall, and may be lawful for the directors of the said company to extend the said rail road to any point or points within the said city of Baltimore, which they may think proper, and to make and extend the said road from such point to the outer limits of the said city, and that the same powers, rights, and privileges, shall be, and are hereby granted to the aforesaid company, within the limits of the city of Baltimore, in relation to, and in connexion with the said rail road within the said city as are granted to them in relation to, and in connexion with the said Baltimore and Port Deposit rail road company in any other part of the state; and the said company shall, within the said city, be subject to the same obligations that are imposed upon them in other parts of the state; *Provided always*, that the rail road to be constructed within the said city, shall be so constructed and made, as not to interfere with the free use and travelling on the streets of said city; *And provided also*, that the said rail road shall not pass through any of the streets, lanes, or alleys, of said city, without the consent of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, being first had and obtained.

Proviso.

May contract for the mail &c.

Sec 26. *And be it enacted*, That the Baltimore and Port Deposit rail road company shall have power to contract with any duly authorised officer, agent, or contractor with the government of the United States for the conveyance or transportation of the mail of the United States, and also for the transportation of persons and property on said rail road or roads, to be made under this act for the use of the United State, on such terms as shall be approved of by the proper officer of, or contractor within the said government; and the said company shall have power to make special contracts with any authorised officer or agent of the state of Maryland, or of any other of the United States, or with any corporation, copartnership or individual for the exclusive use of any car or part of a car, or wagon on said rail road or roads for a limited time or distance, and for the transportation thereon of horses, and other living animals, and of carriages, furniture, plate, jewelry and machinery of any description, on such terms as may be agreed on by the parties.

For transportation.