

thereafter, be received from the company without costs, by the said owner or owners, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives.

See notes to sec. 293.

An. Code, sec. 362. 1904, sec. 327. 1888, sec. 227. 1900, ch. 267.

298. Any such corporation formed as aforesaid may, with the consent of the majority of the owners of the capital stock of such corporations, given in general meeting, extend their lines of telegraph into any other State, or may construct branch lines in this State or any other State, or may lease, sell or convey its property, rights, privileges and franchises or any interest therein or any part thereof to any telegraph company organized under or created by the laws of this or any other State, and may acquire by lease, purchase or conveyance the property, rights, privileges and franchises or any interest therein or any part thereof of any telegraph company organized under and created by the laws of this or any other State upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective companies, or by purchase at any sale of the property and franchises of any such corporation heretofore incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated under the terms of a mortgage or deed of trust heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, conveying the property and franchises of any such company, or under decree of any court, or under an execution issued against the property of said company; and said purchasing company shall have and possess all the rights, franchises and privileges heretofore enjoyed by the company whose property is so acquired, whether the same were acquired under grant from any State, municipality or other corporation; or may consolidate with any other telegraph company or corporation of this or any other State, under such name and with such capital stock, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such companies or corporations; and whenever such consolidation as aforesaid is made, a certificate of the same and of the particulars thereof shall be executed and acknowledged by the president or other principal officers of said corporations so consolidating, which said certificate shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the superior court of Baltimore city, if the principal office of the said consolidated corporation in this State is located in Baltimore city, or in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for that county in which the principal office of said consolidated company in this State is located, and when said consolidated company is formed it shall be subject to the provisions of this article as far as the same are applicable.

See secs. 33 and 401.

An. Code, sec. 363. 1904, sec. 328. 1888, sec. 228. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 133.

299. Persons, associations or corporations, owning any telegraph line doing business within the State, shall receive despatches from and for other telegraph lines, associations and companies, and from and for any individual, and shall transmit such despatches in the manner established by the rules and regulations of such telegraph lines, and in the order in which they are received, with impartiality and good faith, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every neglect or refusal so to do, to be recovered, with costs of suit, in the name and for the benefit of the person or persons