

- stock of such corporation, given in general meeting, extend their lines of telegraph, or may construct branch lines to connect with their main line, or may form a new corporation by uniting with another incorporated telegraph corporation or corporations, with such name and capital stock, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the said corporations; and whenever such union as aforesaid is made, a certificate of the said union, and of the particulars thereof, shall be executed and acknowledged by the presidents, or other principal officers of said corporation so uniting, 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 corporations is therein located, or in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of that county in which said principal office is located, and when said consolidated company is formed, it shall be subject to the provisions of this article, so far as the same are applicable.
- Extending lines, &c.**  
**Consolidated companies.**  
**Certificate.**  
**To be recorded in office of clerk of court.**  
**Dispatches.**  
**18 Md. 342.**  
**Penalty.**  
**Proviso.**  
**Newspapers.**  
**Injuring, &c., lines, posts, &c.**
133. Any person, association or corporation; 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 sending or desiring to send such despatch; *provided*, however, that arrangements may be made with the proprietors or publishers of newspapers for transmission of intelligence of general and public interest, for the purpose of publication out of its order.
134. Any person who shall unlawfully and intentionally injure, molest or destroy any of said lines, posts, piers or abutments, or the materials or property connected with the working of any telegraph line, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a mis-