

amount of capital stock necessary to construct such road; such certificate shall be acknowledged before a justice of the peace, and certified by the clerk of the circuit court for any county through which the road passes; and when said certificate is executed, it shall be the duty of the persons executing the same to submit it to one of the judges of the judicial circuit within which the county where it was acknowledged may lie, or to one of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore city, if acknowledged in said city, in order that the said judge may determine whether said certificate is in conformity with the law; and if the said judge shall so determine, he shall certify his said determination upon the said certificate, which shall be forwarded to the secretary of State, who shall record and carefully preserve the same in his office; and a copy thereof, duly certified by the secretary of State, under the great seal of the State of Maryland, shall be evidence of the existence of such company.

Penna. R. R. Co. v Consolidation Coal Co., 55 Md. 160, 174. C. & P. R. R. Co. v Penna. R. R. Co. 57 Md. 280.

1876, ch. 242, sec. 4.

160. When the foregoing provisions have been complied with, the persons named as corporators in said certificate are hereby authorized to carry into effect the objects named in said certificate, in accordance with the provisions of this article; and they and their associates, successors and assigns, by the name and style provided in said certificate, shall thereafter be deemed a body corporate, with succession, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, contract and be contracted with, acquire and convey at pleasure, all such real and personal estate as may be necessary and convenient to carry into effect the objects of the incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and do all needful acts to carry into effect the objects for which it was created; and such company shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the rules and restrictions provided by this article.

Ibid. sec. 5.

161. Said corporations shall be authorized to construct and maintain a railroad with a single or double track, with such sidetracks, turn-outs, offices and depots, as they may deem necessary,