

Empowered  
to merge and  
consolidate

hereby authorized and empowered to merge and consolidate with, lease or be leased by, any connecting railroad or line of railroad, to form a continuous line between Baltimore and Cincinnati, on the south side of the Ohio river, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between said companies or corporations respectively; provided, however, that no such merger, consolidation or lease, shall be entered into, take effect or prevail, until it is so authorized by a vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the capital stock of the said Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company. In the event of any merger or consolidation being effected, as herein provided, the capital stock of the said Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company may consist of the amount of its own stock, together with the amount of the capital stock of the railroads, merged or consolidated with; and whenever the said Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company shall, in the opinion of the directors thereof, require an increased amount of capital stock, the same may be increased as provided in the said act of the Legislature of Maryland, passed and approved on the seventh day of April, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter two hundred and forty-two.

Increase cap-  
ital stock.

Cross over or  
under.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to cross over or under any other railroad now built and constructed, or hereafter to be built and constructed, within this State, at any point on its route; and if the two corporations cannot agree upon the amount of compensation to be made therefor, the points and manner of such crossing, the same shall be ascertained and determined in the manner prescribed in the said act of Legislature of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter two hundred and forty-two, for the condemnation of land and other property.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Railway Company be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money to such an amount as may be