

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect and be in force from the date of the passage thereof.
Approved March 22, 1890.

CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Potomac Valley railroad company by enlarging its powers and authorizing it to make certain contracts.

May lease. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Potomac Valley railroad company, a corporation duly incorporated under the provisions of article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, relating to railroad companies and the incorporation thereof, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a lease of its railroad and all other property to the Western Maryland railroad company or to the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the parties to such lease, and to sell and convey its railroad and other property to either of the companies above named; and that the lessee or purchaser of the railroad and other property of said Potomac Valley railroad company, shall acquire by such lease or purchase all the rights to use said railroad and other property which the said Potomac Valley railroad company is entitled to under its charter, or under any amendment thereof; provided, however, that no such lease or sale of the railroad and property of the said Potomac Valley railroad company shall be made without the consent of a majority of the stockholders of said company, represented in person or by proxy, at a general or special meeting of said stockholders convened according to the charter and by-laws of said company.

May be lessee SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Potomac Valley railroad company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to accept a lease and become the lessee of the whole or of any part of any railroad owned or constructed, or that may hereafter be owned or constructed under the laws of this State, or of any other State; provided, that the railroad of which it may so become lessee, shall be a road connecting with, or in extension of the railroad of the Western Maryland railroad company or of one of its branches, or connecting with or in extension of a railroad leased, owned or operated by said Western Maryland railroad company; the lease hereby authorized to be accepted by said Potomac Valley railroad company may include any branch of the roads so leased, and the shops, depots, buildings, elevators, wharves, vessels and other property of such leased roads and