

their branches, and may be for such periods and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties thereto, and shall operate to confer upon the Potomac Valley railroad company all the powers to use and operate the roads and property so leased which the lessor or lessors thereof may possess and have power to grant by such lease; the said Potomac Valley railroad company is further authorized and empowered to contract with any of the companies whose roads and other property it is hereby authorized to lease, for the purchase of said roads and other property or any part thereof, and to purchase the same and receive conveyance thereof, and shall thereby acquire such rights to hold and use the property so purchased and conveyed as the vendor or vendors thereof may possess and grant; provided, however, that no such lease or purchase shall be made until the same shall have been sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the shares of the capital stock of said Potomac Valley railroad company, in person or by proxy, at a general or special meeting of the stockholders of said company convened according to its charter and by-laws.

May acquire.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Potomac Valley railroad company shall have the power to subscribe for or purchase and hold with all the rights of an owner, shares of the capital stock of any of the railroad companies whose lines it is hereby authorized to lease, and to aid such companies in the construction of their railroads by means of subscription to the capital stock of such companies, by guaranteeing the mortgage bonds of said companies or otherwise.

Other powers.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from its passage.

Effective.

Approved March 22, 1890.

CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT further to amend the charter of the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company to enlarge its powers, to provide the mode of constructing the road of said company within the city of Baltimore, and to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which said company may acquire and use a right of way through certain property of the Northern Central railway company and across the tracks of said Northern Central railway company in the city of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, by the charter of the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company, the said company is authorized to construct a railroad beginning at or near Howardville station on the line of the Western Maryland railroad in Baltimore county, to the south

Pre-amble.