side of the middle branch of the Patapsco river below the mouth of Gwinn's Falls, thereby affording a connection between the Western Maryland railroad and tidewater on the south side of the said middle branch of the Patapsco river; and

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Western Maryland tidewater railroad company, incorporated under the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chap-

WHEREAS, it is deemed important that a connection should Preamble also be effected between the said Western Maryland railroad and tidewater on the north side of the Patapsco river; therefore

ter two hundred and forty-two, on the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in addition to the authority to construct and operate the railroad provided by its charter, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and operate a railroad with single or double track, beginning at or near Arlington station on the main line of the Western Maryland railroad near where said main line crosses the northern boundary of Baltimore city; thence following as nearly as practicable the northern boundary line of said city and crossing Jones' Falls and the Northern Central railway about half a mile north To con of Woodberry by an overhead crossing only; thence along the valley of Jones' Falls, for the greater part of the distance on the left side thereof through the city of Baltimore, to a connection with the present tracks of the Western Maryland railroad near Hillen station in said city; and thence southwardly along Jones' Falls and as near thereto as practicable to a point near Canton avenue; thence eastwardly along Aliceanna street by a single track to Boston street; and thence along Boston street by a single track to the eastern boundary of Baltimore city; thence eastwardly and southwardly by the most direct practicable line through Baltimore county to a connection with the Baltimore and Sparrows' point railroad near Colgate's creek, with anthority to construct branches from the main line to such points on navigable water within the city of Baltimore as may be approved and allowed by the mayor and city council of Baltimore; provided, however, that the mayor and city council of Baltimore may require said railroad to be constructed between Jones' Falls and the eastern boundary of the city of Baltimore on any other streets than those above designated.

> SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That said company may construct one or more connections with the railroads of the Belt Line railroad company and the Maryland Central railroad company at convenient points north of North avenue in the city of Baltimore, and also with the railroads of the Northern Central railway company and the Union railroad company between North avenue and Greenmount avenue.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said railroad company shall

operate.