

fied voters of said last mentioned counties respectively to endorse the bonds of said railroad as follows, viz: Talbot county to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, Dorchester county to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, and Wicomico county to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars; and,

WHEREAS, said act of Assembly of eighteen hundred and eighty-six, chapter five hundred and nine, was by joint resolution number eleven, duly approved by the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, as the constitution of this State directs, but owing to the failure of Baltimore city to endorse said bonds the county commissioners of said counties of Talbot, Dorchester and Wicomico are unable to exercise the discretion reposed in them by the acts of Assembly and resolution number eleven aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, the said Baltimore and Eastern Shore railroad company relying upon the endorsements authorized by the acts of Assembly and resolution aforesaid, and the votes of the majority of the qualified voters of Talbot, Dorchester and Wicomico counties respectively, has contracted for the building of said railroad from Salisbury, in Wicomico county, to Broad cove in Talbot county, and has in good faith nearly completed said road in Talbot county; and,

WHEREAS, the said Baltimore and Eastern Shore railroad company has agreed to accept from said counties of Talbot, Dorchester and Wicomico a subscription to the capital stock of said company in lieu of the endorsement of its second mortgage bonds in the manner above recited; and,

WHEREAS, at the election held on the eighth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, the question of endorsement of said bonds of said railroad company to the amount of sixteen thousand dollars was submitted to the qualified voters of Caroline county, and a majority of said voters determined against said endorsement, but said county is willing to submit with the other counties of the Eastern Shore through which said road passes the question of subscription to the capital stock of said railroad company to the qualified voters of said county; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the county commissioners of Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico and Caroline counties, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to subscribe to the capital stock of said Baltimore and Eastern Shore railroad company in the following manner, to wit: the commissioners of Talbot county to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; the commissioners of Dorchester county to the sum of twenty thousand dollars; the commissioners of Wicomico county to the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and the commis-