

and Cumberland railroad company is hereby authorized to connect with the Western Maryland railroad and the Frederick and Pennsylvania line railroad and the Baltimore and Drum Point railroad and any other railroad, and a like authority is hereby conferred upon the said roads to make such connections at proper and convenient points; the Western Maryland railroad company shall have the right to the same rates over said Washington and Cumberland railroad upon joint traffic interchanged by it with said Washington and Cumberland railroad that the said Washington and Cumberland railroad charges upon its own or other traffic of a similar character; in consideration whereof the Western Maryland railroad shall pro rate with the said Washington and Cumberland railroad upon all coal and other traffic received by it from said Washington and Cumberland railroad, or delivered by it thereto, a reasonable allowance being first made for terminal facilities at Baltimore; each of the said companies shall deliver to the other all traffic destined to points upon its line or that can be fairly and properly reached via the lines of said other party, and shall make as favorable arrangements for its traffic as it does for any other company with which it interchanges traffic, it being the intention of this act that the rates of the transportation of passengers and freight to and from Baltimore over said Washington and Cumberland railroad shall be as low per passenger or per ton per mile as those charged to the most favored customer; the said Western Maryland and the said Frederick and Pennsylvania line railroad companies and any other railroad companies, and the said Washington and Cumberland railroad company are hereby authorized to connect with and to make such traffic arrangements with each other as may be agreed upon by the directors of the respective companies and ratified by their stockholders.

**To connect.**

**Pro rate.**

**Parallel road.**

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said Washington and Cumberland railroad company shall at no time be owned, controlled or leased by any railroad company owning or operating any parallel road or nearly parallel road, nor shall it be lawful for any such railroad company to purchase, acquire or hold any of the stock of said Washington and Cumberland railroad company, and any acquisition by any such company of any part of said stock shall be absolutely void, and that if at any time the majority of the stock of said corporation shall be acquired by such competing company owning a parallel or nearly parallel line of railroad, then this charter shall cease, and the rights, powers and franchises granted to the said Washington and Cumberland railroad company shall be determined and the said company shall thereupon be dissolved and its affairs be wound up.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said Washington and Cumberland railroad company to run at