

under the name of the Washington and Laurel traction company, with power to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, and have and use a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure, with authority to construct and lay down a single or double track railway, with the necessary switches and turnouts in Prince George's county, Maryland, through and along the following road: commencing at the point on the Baltimore and Washington Turnpike road where the dividing line between the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland crosses said road, and running thence over said road to the bridge crossing the Patuxent river at Laurel, between Howard and Prince George's counties, with the right to run public carriages thereon, drawn or propelled by horse, steam, electricity or cable, or other improved motive power, receiving a rate of fare not exceeding two cents per mile for each passenger; provided said fare shall be not less than five cents for one passenger for any distance and with authority to construct and lay down any lateral or connecting road or roads on streets or public roads not exceeding ten miles in length, with the right to run public carriages thereon drawn by horse power, or propelled or drawn by steam, electric or cable, or other improved motive power.

**Taxation.** SEC. 2. That the road of said company with all its property and franchises shall be liable to taxation as is or may be provided by law.

**To lay.** SEC. 3. That the said railway shall be laid on the turnpike road outside of the traveled track of said road.

**Shall keep** SEC. 4. That the said corporation hereby created shall be bound to keep said tracks and the space of two feet beyond the outer rails thereof at all times well ballasted, and in good order in such manner and with such material as may be directed by the board of county commissioners; that when any street through which the said railway runs shall be paved, said railway company shall bear all the expenses for that portion of the work lying between the exterior rails of the track of said road, and for a distance of two feet from the exterior of such track or tracks on each said side thereof and of keeping the same in repair, but the said railway company having conformed to the grades established by the commissioners may use such cobble-stones or other material for paving their tracks, or the space between their tracks, as the commissioners may direct.

**Not to impede** SEC. 5. That whenever the said company in the construction of its railroads as authorized by this act, shall find it necessary to cross or intersect any established road, street or other way, it shall be the duty of said company so to construct the said railroad across such established road, street or other way as not to impede the passage or transportation of persons or property along the same, and when it shall be necessary to pass the said railroad through the land of any individual, the said railroad shall so con-