

company adjacent to said canal, or upon other land acquired for the purpose, from the terminus of said canal in the city of Cumberland in Allegany county, to such point on said canal in or near the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, as the corporation may select, with the right to connect with the lines of any other railroad or railroads within this State, now existing or that may be hereafter incorporated and built, and in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, with which, in the judgment of said corporation a connection may be advantageous and desirable, and shall have power to maintain and operate so much of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal as shall not be occupied by its constructed road, and to charge thereon the same rates of toll and transportation as said Chesapeake and Ohio canal company is authorized by its charter to charge, and as to so much of the said canal shall have the rights and powers of every description that the said Chesapeake and Ohio canal company has under its charter and amendments thereto, and shall also have power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch or lateral railroads through the counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore to any point within the city of Baltimore, which the president and directors may select.

Powers

Bonds.

Stock.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Washington and Cumberland railroad company shall have power to issue mortgage bonds in such sums and form and payable at such time and bearing such rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, not exceeding eight millions of dollars in the aggregate, as the president and directors shall determine, and shall also have power to issue capital stock to an amount not exceeding eight millions of dollars, of which such proportion may be made preferred, and such proportion common stock as the president and directors shall determine, and the creation of such mortgage or mortgages shall be authorized and directed by the votes of a majority of the stockholders in person or by proxy, at a regular or special meeting thereof duly called.

To lease.

To acquire

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to acquire by lease from the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company or by condemnation proceedings the title held and enjoyed by it to all its properties, and water and other rights between Cumberland and west seventeenth street in the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, according to the provisions of an act passed at this present session, entitled "an act to authorize the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company to lease its canal and all its works to the Washington and Cumberland railroad company, and to waive and release all the liens of this State upon said canal and all its properties in favor of said lessee," and said corporation shall also have full power and authority to acquire by purchase, lease, condemnation or otherwise, such land adjacent to said