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within or without this State shall connect with or form a continuous line with the railroad of the company so consolidating upon such terms as may be agreed upon; provided, however, that the agreement for such consolidation shall be submitted to the stockholders of the railroad company incorporated under the laws of this State at a special meeting called for considering the same, and shall be sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the stock of such company, and if sanctioned at such meeting by such holders of a majority of the stock, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of State of this State; and, provided, further, that such agreement shall contain no provisions in conflict with the provisions of this article or which shall exempt such railroad so far as it lies in this State from the operation of the laws of this State, and nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the consolidation of any railroad companies owning or operating, competing or parallel roads, or parallel lines of railroad which is hereby declared to be unlawful and expressly prohibited without the special consent of the general assembly being first obtained therefor.

Approved April 8, 1890.

CHAPTER 554.

AN ACT for the relief of St. John's college.

Preamble

WHEREAS, it appears from the report made March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, to the General Assembly of Maryland, by the joint committee appointed to investigate the affairs of St. John's college, and spread upon the journal of the senate, session eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, at page four hundred and ten, and also from the report of the president of said college, made to the present general assembly and spread upon the journal of the house of delegates, at page seventy-two, &c.; that said college has largely increased its number of students and its teaching force, and is doing excellent work for the cause of education in this State; but that a debt of eighteen thousand eight hundred dollars, (\$18,800) for many years resting upon said college seriously impairs its usefulness and prosperity:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the comptroller, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the order of the board of visitors and governors of St. John's college, Annapolis, the sum of six thousand dollars annually, for and during the period of two years from and after the passage of this act, the said sum to be paid in equal quarterly instalments, beginning on the first day of May following the passage of this