

CHAPTER 383.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the Columbia and Maryland Railway, a corporation formed under article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, title "Corporation" sub-title "Railroad Companies."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Columbia and Maryland Railway, a corporation formed under the provisions of article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroad Companies," in addition to the powers possessed by it under its certificate of incorporation as prescribed by said article of the Code of Public General Laws, shall have the further powers following, to-wit:

The said Columbia and Maryland Railway shall have power to lay down, contract, and operate a railroad from Washington City to the town of Laurel, in Prince George's County, and thence to the Pennsylvania line by any practicable route which it may select through Prince George's, Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties with lateral branches, said railroad to be either of a broad or narrow guage as the president and directors shall deem best, and to operate and run its trains and rolling stock of every kind by the use of steam, electricity, cables or any other motive power whatever.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said Columbia and Maryland Railway shall also have power to purchase, acquire, hold, sell, lease, dispose of and convey real or leasehold property, not exceeding fifty thousand acres, and lay out thereon town sites and erect hotels, elevators or other buildings, and to use and manage the same in any lawful way whatever and to open and work quarries and generally to make such lawful use of its said landed or other property as it shall deem desirable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Columbia and Maryland Railway 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 four 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 five hundred thousand dollars; of which such proportion may be made preferred and such proportion common stock as the president and directors shall determine,