

In force.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall go into operation and effect from and after the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 136.

Passed April
29, 1853.

AN ACT to authorise the New York and Washington Printing Telegraph Company, to construct and maintain lines of Telegraph wires though the State of Maryland, in a direction from Wilmington Delaware, to the City of Washington.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the New York and Washington Printing Telegraph company, associated for the purpose of constructing a line of telegraph wires from the city of New York to the city of Washington, through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, by way of Philadelphia and Baltimore, have made application to the Legislature of this State, to legalize the construction and continuance of the said lines through this State; Therefore,

Authority to
construct
lines of tele-
graph wires,
&c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said company shall have authority from time to time, to erect, lay down, construct, maintain and keep up a line or lines of telegraph wires, or conductors through this State from the border of the State of Delaware, through the city of Baltimore to the District of Columbia, either along, over, upon or under any of the public roads or highways, or across, through, at the bottom of or under any of the waters within the limits of this State, and also along, over, through, upon or under any other land within this State, and also, along, over said lands, by the erection of masts, poles, posts and other necessary fixtures for sustaining the wires or conductors of such line or lines, and by suspending such wires or conductors thereon, or by constructing, establishing and maintaining lines of wires or conductors upon or under ground, or under water with or without tubes, or covering, or by any other means, which may from time to time be deemed best by the said company, and such company shall be authorised to select and adopt from time to time, in addition to or in lieu of the original route or routes selected by them,