

CHAPTER 138.

Passed April 14, 1853. AN ACT to amend the charter of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road company, so as to authorise and empower the said company to build a bridge over the Susquehanna river, at or about Havre-de-Grace.

Authority to construct a bridge. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore rail road company be, and they are hereby vested with full power and authority to make and construct, and keep in repair, a bridge across the Susquehanna river, at or above Havre-de-Grace, at such point or points on said river as the said company may select, and to construct thereon and keep in repair, a railway or railways for the passage of cars and transportation of passengers and merchandise and other articles, and for the accommodation of the trade and travel of the public generally, and to connect the same with the rail road on each side of said river, as it is now located, or may hereafter at any time be located, by the construction and maintenance of proper approaches or connecting lines of new roads necessary thereto; *Provided,* that the said bridge and approaches shall be so located and constructed as not to injure the navigation of the Tide-Water canal.

Proviso.

Power to enter upon and hold land necessary for piers. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said company shall also hereby have full power and authority to enter upon and hold in fee, any land necessary or proper for the abutments and piers of said bridge, or for the approaches necessary to connect the bridge with the main line as now located, or hereafter to be located, and for the other purposes contemplated by this act, and for this purpose may agree with the owner or owners of said land for the same, or, when they cannot agree with such owner or owners, or should he, she or they be feme covert, under age, or non compos mentis, or absent, then the said company shall have the same power and authority to have condemned such land as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, as is conferred on said company for the condemnation of land by the act entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Port Deposit rail road company, by inquisition or otherwise, subject to such restrictions, provisions or conditions as are imposed by the said act relating to the condemnation of lands, and entitled to such privileges as may be conferred thereby.