

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of securing the early completion of the said lateral branch rail road or rail roads, the president and directors of the said Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract with any incorporated company, individual or individuals, to construct such lateral branch rail road or rail roads, wharves or other improvements deemed necessary for the accommodation of the business of said company, and to mortgage the same, the tolls and revenues thereof, the wharves and other improvements or any property of said rail road company, not now covered by mortgages to the State of Maryland, and that said mortgage shall be the first lien on the said lateral branch rail road or rail roads, the tolls and revenues thereof, the wharves and other improvements, and any property of said rail road company not now covered by mortgages to the State of Maryland; *Provided however*, that the rates of tolls or charges for transportation on said lateral branch rail road or rail roads, shall not exceed the rates authorised to be charged by the original charter of said Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company or the supplements thereto.

Authority to contract.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be authorised and empowered to construct branches or to authorise individuals to do the same, from the said proposed tracks, through or along any street in said city, that may be deemed necessary, subject to the same rules and regulations as are required for private switches on the main line of said road.

Mayor and city council of Balt. authorised to construct branches.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing contained in this act shall authorise private property to be taken for the use of the said company, without just compensation as agreed upon between the parties or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation.

Private property.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall have no force or effect, until the same shall have been accepted by the majority of the stockholders of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company in general meeting assembled.

Act to be accepted.