

circuit courts or the superior court of Baltimore city, in the manner now required by law.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 401.

Passed May 30, 1853. AN ACT to authorise the Hampshire Coal and Iron

Company of the State of Virginia, to purchase and hold mineral lands in the county of Allegany, in the State of Maryland.

Authority to purchase estate, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Hampshire coal and iron company of the State of Virginia, be, and hereby is authorised to purchase, lease, use, transfer and sell or otherwise dispose of, estate, real, personal and mixed, or any coal or other minerals in the county of Allegany, in the State of Maryland; *Provided*, the real estate, coal or other minerals hereby authorised to be purchased, held, and owned by the said company shall not exceed three thousand acres.

Proviso.

Power to carry on mining, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said company shall be, and hereby is authorised to carry on the business of mining and manufacturing, and for this purpose shall have all the rights, powers and privileges granted by the general laws of this State passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapters three hundred and twenty two and three hundred and thirty-eight, and any amendments now in force or which may hereafter be enacted, relating to mining or manufacturing companies in the said State of Maryland; subject, however, to all and every restriction and limitation prescribed by the said laws or amendments, or which may hereafter be prescribed; *Provided*, in the event of the said company constructing a rail road or rail roads, under and by the laws aforesaid, the same shall commence at the mine or mines, or place or places of operation of the said company, and shall terminate at some point on the Baltimore and Ohio rail road or Chesapeake and Ohio canal; and over and by the said Baltimore and Ohio rail road or Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the products of the said mine or mines shall be shipped or transported to market.

Proviso.