

## CHAPTER 431.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington County Rail Road Company. Passed May 30, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Daniel Weisel, William Loughridge, Samuel Claggett, Robert Fowler, John Wolf, Hezekiah Boteler, George Cushwa, Elias Davis, John Snyder, Wilfred D. McCardell, William Stonebraker, William B. McLain, William Miller, Emory Edwards, Thomas S. Crampton, George Strause, James H. Carter, Henry S. Garrett, Zenos Barnum and David Brumbaugh, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, under the direction of a majority of whom, subscriptions may be received to the capital stock of the Washington County Rail Road Company, for the purpose of surveying, locating and building a rail road from Hagerstown, by the most practicable route, to some point on the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, at or within three miles east or west from Weverton, not exceeding sixty-six feet wide, and that the said commissioners or a majority of them may cause books to be opened at such times and places as they may direct for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the said capital stock of said company, to which any person, corporation or association of individuals may subscribe after having given such notice of the times and places of opening the same as they may deem proper; and if such a subscription to the capital stock of said company as is necessary for its incorporation be not previously obtained, the said books may be opened, from time to time, at the discretion of said commissioners or a majority of them; and if any of the said commissioners shall die, resign, or refuse to act during the continuance of the duties devolved upon them by this act, another may be appointed in his stead by the remaining commissioners or a majority of them. Commissioners appointed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the capital stock of the Washington county rail road company, shall be one million dollars, in shares of twenty dollars each, which said capital may be increased at the discretion of the directors to be appointed as hereinafter provided for, to an amount not exceeding one and an half millions of dollars, and as soon as five thousand shares of the capital stock shall be subscribed, the subscribers of the said stock their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be incorporated into a company, by the name of the Washington County Rail Road Company, and by that name shall be capable in Capital stock.  
Incorporated.