

be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract or contracts with the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, the Northern Central Railroad Company, and the Union Railroad Company, of Baltimore, or any of them, for the use of the tracks of said Company, or any of them, within the limits of the City of Baltimore, and to tide water at Canton, and that any contract or contracts heretofore made for that purpose, shall have the same effect, as though the same had been made, after their Act of Assembly had gone into effect.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said Western Maryland Railroad Company, be, and it is hereby authorized to be the lessee of the line of railroad, connecting the railroad of said company with the village of Emmitsburg, in Frederick county.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Western Maryland Railroad Company, be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to require, hold and dispose of any real or leasehold property and estate, in the City of Baltimore, which the President and Directors of said Company, or a majority of them, shall deem necessary, for depots, engine houses, or other purposes appropriate to its business, whether such property be adjacent to the Railroad of said Company, or separated from it, and capable of being used only by means of the tracks of some of the other Railroad Companies mentioned in the first Section of their Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That for the acquisition of such property, or the use and occupation of the same, the said Western Maryland Railroad Company shall possess all the powers, for condemnation, as well as negotiation, provided by the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January Session, 1872, chapter 71, and entitled an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Western Maryland Railroad Company, and to give additional powers to said Company.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That none of the provisions of their Act shall be of any effect or force whatever, unless said Company shall first consent and agree that all of the property of said Company shall be assessable and liable for State, county and municipal taxation.

SEC. 6. *Add be it enacted*, That the General Assembly hereby reserves to itself the power to amend, alter and repeal this Act, at pleasure.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from its passage.

Which were adopted.

Said bill as amended was then read the second time.