

**Chapter 91.**

AN ACT to enlarge the powers of the Washington and Atlantic Railroad Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in order to enable the Washington and Atlantic Railroad Company (a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this State) to carry out the purposes for which it was organized, the said company is hereby authorized and empowered to cross the tracks of any and all other railroad companies lying between its termini, and which the line of its road may cross; such crossing to be either at grade, or over such track or tracks, by substantial bridging or trestling, or under the same by substantial tunnels or other proper work or works for the purpose, as may be determined upon by the President and Directors of the said Washington and Atlantic Railroad Company, and if the said president and directors shall not be able to agree with any other railroad company whose track or tracks shall be so crossed as aforesaid, as to the amount of compensation or damages to be paid for the easement of any such crossing, then the said Washington and Atlantic Railroad Company shall have full power to condemn the said easement of crossing in the mode prescribed for the condemnation of the land and other property of individuals by the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter two hundred and forty-two, section eleven, provided that every such crossing shall be so made, constructed and maintained as not to interfere with the safe and uninterrupted running of trains upon the tracks of the railroad or railroads so crossed as aforesaid.

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to cross tracks.

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easement.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said company shall have full power to have and maintain a ferry transit across the Chesapeake bay, and across any other waters over which or to which its line or route may run, to be operated by steam or otherwise, and to make and maintain a like connection with the city of Baltimore, and with other ports or points, either in or out of this State; and to own, hire or charter boats, barges or vessels of any kind for such

Maintain  
ferry transit.