

*ev instanti* cease, expire, and be considered as absolutely forfeited and relinquished.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 3, 1882.

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### Chapter 176.

AN ACT to authorize the Western Maryland Railroad Company to make connections with the railroads of other companies, and to cross the railroads of other companies within one mile of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Construct  
branches.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Western Maryland Railroad Company is hereby authorized to construct such branches or tracks as may be necessary to enable it to connect with any other railroads within the distance of one mile from Hagerstown, Maryland.

Exercise pow-  
ers.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in order to enable said Western Maryland Railroad Company to exercise the powers given by the preceding section, said company is hereby authorized to cross any railroad or railroads now or hereafter constructed which may lie between the Western Maryland Railroad and the railroad or railroads with which such connections are to be made, within one mile of Hagerstown, as provided in the preceding section, such crossing to be at, above or under grade, as may be determined by the president and directors of said railroad company.

May condemn.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if said Western Maryland Railroad Company cannot agree with the company, companies or individuals owning or operating such railroad or railroads to be crossed as aforesaid as to the damages, if any, to be sustained by such company, companies or individuals from such crossings, or the compensation and terms upon which such crossings can be made, the said Western Maryland Railroad Company may condemn the easement