

tion of a mortgage on its road, property, tolls and revenues; the said mortgage not to have priority over, but to stand upon an equality with other mortgages, to be executed by said company to the city of Baltimore, and the Commissioners of Allegany county, for like advances in aid of the said enterprise.

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CHAPTER 71.

Passed Feb. 8, 1866. AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to aid in the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad from Hagerstown to Cumberland.

Authorized to contribute. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contribute towards the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad between Hagerstown and Cumberland, the sum of fifteen hundred thousand dollars, either by a subscription to that amount to the capital stock of the said company or by the endorsement of the said company's bonds or by the issue of the city's own bonds as may be most expedient in the judgment of the said Mayor and City Council.

Authorized to secure amount. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Western Maryland Railroad company, in the event of the said sum being furnished to the company for the construction of the road as aforesaid, by the said Mayor and City Council, in either of the modes aforesaid, other than by a subscription to its capital stock, shall be authorized to secure the said city for the amount so advanced or endorsed by a mortgage on its road, property, tolls and revenues, the said mortgage not to have priority over, but to stand upon an equality with other mortgages, to be executed by the said company to the coal and