

court to record the said certificate, and the said new consolidated Company shall have, all the rights, powers and privileges originally conferred upon the Magnetic Telegraph Company by the Act to which this is a supplement, and may also have and exercise in addition thereto, all the rights and privileges which are by article twenty-six of the Public General Laws of this State conferred upon associations formed for the purpose of owning or constructing lines of telegraph to or from any point within this State.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of the said consolidated Company shall not exceed in the aggregate the amounts of the capital stock of the said several companies forming said consolidation; but it shall be lawful for the said consolidated Company to increase its capital to such amount as may be necessary for the building of any additional lines, or for the repair or purchase of any existing lines within this State, or partly within and partly without this State, and in order to such building and repair, and as to the lines so purchased, the said consolidated Company shall have all the rights and powers of the said Magnetic Telegraph Company over and in relation to the lines authorized to be built under its charter aforesaid, and under said article twenty-six of the Public General Laws of this State; *provided, however*, that the said Magnetic Telegraph Company shall only form a consolidation with any other telegraph line with the consent of the Company owning the same.

Capital stock not to exceed.

Lawful to increase its capital stock.

Proviso.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said consolidated Company shall be bound on application of any of the officers of this State, or of the United States, acting in the event of any war, insurrection, riot, or other civil commotion, or in the prevention or punishment of crime, or the arrests of persons charged or suspected thereof, to give to the communication of such officers, immediate despatch, and the service of a summons or writ on any officer, agent, or attorney of said consolidated Company, shall be a service of said summons or writ on said corporation, and shall hold the said corporation to answer before the tribunal from whence such summons or writ may be issued.

Bound to give immediate dispatch,