

city of them, shall have power to borrow money for the objects of this act, to issue certificates, or other evidence of such loans, and to pledge the property of the company for the payment of the same and its interest.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the President ^{Vested rights.} and Directors of said company shall be and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary to the construction and repair of a railroad from the line of the District of Columbia by the most eligible and practicable route through the counties of Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's; *provided, however*, that the main stem or a branch thereof shall be constructed to enter the town of Upper Marlborough, in the county of Prince George's, and the said main stem shall terminate at the most eligible and practicable point in the county of St. Mary's, the right and privilege being granted to said President and Directors to construct such branches to the said main stem or line of road, not exceeding twenty miles in extent, that they may find desirable and practicable, and to establish ferries over such streams as they may desire, to continue or connect said road or branches, the said road and branches not to exceed sixty-six feet in width, with as many sets of tracks as the said President and Directors, or a majority of them, may deem necessary, and they or a majority of them, may cause to be made, or contract with others for making said railroad or any part of it, and they, their agents or those with whom they may contract for making any part of the same or their agents, may enter upon and use and excavate any land which may be wanted for the site of said road, and the erection of warehouses or other buildings or works necessary to said road, or for any other purpose, necessary or useful in the construction or repair of said road or its works, and that they may build bridges; *provided*, they do not interfere with navigation of vessels or steamboats, may fix scales and weights, may lay rails, may take and use any earth, timber, gravel, stone or other materials, or any improvements which may be wanted for the construction or repair of any of said roads, or any of their works, for the purchase and use and occupation of the same, and if they cannot agree, or if the owner or owners, or any of them be a *feme covert* under age, *non compos mentis* or out of the county, ^{Provisoos.}