

Power to
make con-
tracts.

Sec. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the President and Directors of said Company shall have full power and authority to make contracts or arrangements with any other Railroad Company now existing, or hereafter to be constructed, for through transportation of passengers and merchandise, and of all property of what kind soever in the cars of either Company.

Power to pur-
chase real es-
tate.

Sec. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said Company shall have full power to purchase and to hold all real estate necessary for the purpose of said Railroad, or any of their works, to buy and build houses and shops for corporated purposes, and when the final survey of any part of said road shall be made by the Company's engineer, such survey shall be recorded in the Recorder's or Clerk's office, of Baltimore county, and the records thereof shall be evidence of the route and limits of said road.

Reservation.

Sec. 19. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly hereby reserves to itself the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, or any part thereof.

When to be
completed.

Sec. 20. *And be it enacted*, That the said road shall be commenced within eighteen months, and completed in three years from the passage of this Act, otherwise this charter shall be null and void.

To take ef-
fect.

Sec. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect and have full operation from the day of its passage.