be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 84. In all civil suits or actions in the circuit courts when capias ad respondendum formerly issued, a writ of summons shall be issued for the defendant, in which shall be stated the purpose for which he is summoned, and the said summons shall be returnable on the first day of the term next after issuing the same, and the sheriff of any county from which the writ of summons for any defendant or defendants may be issued by the circuit court of any such county, or the sheriff of the city of Baltimore, in case the writ of summons is issued from any of the courts of the city of Baltimore, may serve any such writ of summons on the defendant or defendants named in the writ, wherever he may find such defendant or defendants, whether in or out of the county or city, from a court of which such process may have issued, or the writs of summons may be directed to and served by the sheriff of any county or city where the defendant may chance to be, returnable to the court where the process issued; and any writ or summons, when so served and returned, shall have the same effect as if it had been served on the defendant or defendants by the sheriff of the county in said county, from a court of which the said writ of summons may issue.

Writ of summons issued.

Who to serve summons.

Approved April 8, 1884.

Chapter 129.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company, to enlarge its powers, and to authorize it to make certain contracts with the Western Maryland Railroad Company.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Western Maryland Tidewater Railroad Company, incorporated under the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter two hundred and forty-two, on the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, be and the same is