

What to include.

under the laws of this state, or of any other state; provided, that the railroad of which it may so become lessee, shall be a road connecting with, or in extension of the railroad of said Western Maryland Railroad Company, or of one of its branches, or connecting with or in extension of a railroad leased, owned or operated by said Western Maryland Railroad Company; the leases hereby authorized to be accepted, may include any branches of the roads so leased, and the shops, depots, buildings, elevators, wharves, piers, vessels and other property of such roads and their branches, and may be for such periods, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties thereto, and shall operate to confer upon said Western Maryland Railroad Company all the powers to use and operate the roads and property so leased, as the lessor or lessors thereof, may possess; said Western Maryland Railroad Company is further authorized to contract with any of the companies whose roads and other property it is hereby empowered to lease, for the purchase of such roads and other property, or any part thereof, and to purchase the same, and receive conveyance thereof, and shall thereby acquire such rights to hold and use the property so conveyed or purchased as the vendor or vendors thereof may possess; provided, however, that no such lease or contract of purchase shall be entered into until the same shall have been sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the shares of the capital stock of said Western Maryland Railroad Company, represented in person, or by proxy, at a general or special meeting of its stockholders, convened according to the terms of its charter.

How sanctioned.

Power to purchase and hold.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Western Maryland Railroad Company shall have power to purchase and hold, with all the rights of owners, shares of the capital stock of any of the railroad companies whose lines said Western Maryland Railroad Company is hereby authorized to lease, and to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of any mortgage bonds of said railroad companies.

Approved March 27, 1884.