

work; and the said corporation shall also have full power to make and perform contracts and agreements for the use of asphalt and asphaltic materials in any shape or form in the building, repairing, in whole or in part, of building or structures of any sort or description whatsoever, and generally to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to be done in carrying on the business of handling, using and dealing in asphalt and asphaltic materials generally.

General powers.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That said company shall have and enjoy all the general powers, provisions and privileges, and be subject to the general regulations contained in Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, so far as the same may not be inconsistent or conflict with the special or general regulations or provisions, powers, rights and advantages conferred by this act.

Effective.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1896.

CHAPTER 287.

AN ACT to extend the privileges and enlarge the powers of the Washington, Annapolis and Chesapeake Railroad Company, incorporated under the General Laws of this State.

May construct branch roads, etc.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Washington, Annapolis and Chesapeake Railroad Company, a corporation duly incorporated in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, under the provisions of Article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroad Companies," for the purpose of building, equipping and maintaining and working a railroad from a point on the line of the District of Columbia, in Prince George's county, and some point on the Chesapeake bay, near the city of Annapolis, said railroad to pass through the counties of Prince George's and Anne Arundel, and through the city of Annapolis, shall, in addition to the powers granted under the aforesaid Article twenty-three, have power to construct and operate branch roads, to lease, buy and improve lands for pleasure resorts, along the line of their road, to lease, buy and build wharves,