

CHAP. 397.

CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to confirm and extend the operation of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 1894, and to further authorize the construction of the Queen Anne's Railroad through the counties of Talbot and Dorchester, and to amend the charter of said Railroad Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter 268 of the Acts of the Assembly of 1894 is hereby amended so as to allow and authorize the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, in said Act mentioned, in the construction of the branch of its railway therein authorized to be constructed from Wye Mills, in Queen Anne's county, via Easton to Trappe, in Talbot county, to leave the main line of said railway at Willoughby or any point within four miles thereof, instead of at Wye Mills, and to construct said branch of railway via Easton and Trappe, in Talbot county, to Cambridge Landing, or some point in the vicinity thereof, on the north bank of Choptank river, and to have and maintain a ferry from said last-named point to the town of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to acquire by purchase or condemnation, in accordance with the laws of this State applying to the condemnation of lands for railway purposes, such wharves, tracks, warehouses, elevators and other terminal facilities as may be requisite for the conduct of business as a railway and ferry company employing steam or any other motive power, and said railroad company is further authorized to connect at Cambridge, or such other point in the vicinity of said town as may be convenient, with the Cambridge and Chesapeake Railroad Company or any other railroad hereafter to be constructed, and to lease or be consolidated with such connecting line of railway on terms to be approved by the board of directors of the two companies, and which lines of railway when so leased and consolidated may be operated as a single railway under the title and possession and corporate rights and franchises of the said Queen Anne's Railroad Company, and said Queen Anne's Railroad Company is further authorized to issue as separate mortgage upon the branch of railway hereby authorized to be constructed, to be known as the Easton and Cambridge Branch, and upon the addition of said branch herein authorized to be acquired by lease or other process of consolidation, which mortgage or deed of trust when so executed shall be a first lien prior to all others upon the railroad bed, track, property of all kinds, including the terminals, boats and appliances used in connection with the said ferry service herein authorized, and the rents,

Additional
powers
granted.

Mortgage to
be issued.