

of the people of said county to assist and enable the construction of said railroad by exempting the property and obligations of said railroad company from all county and municipal taxation for a fixed period, to wit, twenty years. Now, therefore, the County Commissioners of Caroline county, and the commissioners of the town of Denton and Hillsborough, and the commissioners of any other town and city of said county, now or hereafter to be incorporated, are authorized, empowered and directed by ordinance or order to be passed by said County Commissioners and town commissioners at a regular meeting, to exempt from all county and municipal taxation, for the period of twenty years from the date of the passage of this act, all the stock, bonds, property and franchises of the said The Queen Anne's Railroad Company; provided, however, that this act shall be absolutely null and void, unless said railroad in Caroline county shall be built and cars running thereon within five years from the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from Effective. the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

CHAPTER 254.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, and the Commissioners of the towns of Centreville and Church Hill, to aid in the construction of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company by exempting from taxation for the period of thirty years, the capital stock, bonds, franchises and property of the said railroad company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whereas, the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated under the general laws of this State, of which John B. Brown, William W. Busted, B. Palmer Keating, Isaac W. Foxwell and Hugh L. Pope are the incorporators named in the articles of corporation heretofore filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, has been incorporated for the purpose of constructing a railroad in said county, according to the route laid down in said articles of

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