

CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Talbot County and the Commissioners of the towns of Easton and Trappe and other municipalities in Talbot County to aid in the construction of the Queen Anne's Railway Company, by exemption from taxation for the period of twenty years, the capital stock, bonds, franchises and property of the said railroad company, and to amend the charter of said company.

Further powers. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whereas, the Queen Anne's Railroad Company has been incorporated for the purpose of constructing a railroad through certain localities named in its charter in Queen Anne's and Caroline counties; said railroad company is hereby further authorized to construct its railroad from Wye Mills in Queen Anne's via Easton to Trappe in Talbot county; and said company is further authorized and empowered to use such motive power in the operation of its railway as may be determined to be most economical and advantageous for said company; and the County Commissioners of Talbot county, and the commissioners of the towns of Easton and Trappe, and the commissioners of any other town and city of said county, now or hereafter to be incorporated, are authorized and empowered and directed by ordinance or order to be passed by said County Commissioners or 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 stocks, bonds, property and franchises of the said Queen Anne's Railroad Company; and said Queen Anne's Railway Company shall have full power and authority to condemn all lands and property necessary for the proper use and purposes of said company, according to the law applicable to the condemnation of property by like corporations in this State; provided, however, that this act shall be absolutely null and void, unless said railroad shall be built and cars running thereon within five years from the date of the passage of this act.

Exempt from taxation.

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

Approved April 6th, 1894.