

Laws of the State of Maryland, and all supplements thereto and amendments thereof, when an inquisition shall be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the court named in the warrant of the justice of the peace, and filed by said clerk in his office, unless sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within fifteen days after said inquisition has been filed, the same shall forthwith be confirmed by said court; and when an inquisition shall be finally confirmed said company is hereby authorized to pay the amount of said valuation into the said court having jurisdiction, after the same shall not have been received when by it tendered to the party or parties legally entitled thereto; and the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the Court of Common Pleas and the Baltimore City Court, and the clerks thereof, and the sheriff of said city, and the jurors summoned by him from the inhabitants of said city, and any justice of the peace of said city, and all parties interested in the exercise of said powers, shall respectively have the same powers and rights which are conferred under said article twenty-three, and all supplements thereof and amendments thereto, upon the Circuit Court of the counties and the clerks thereof, and the sheriffs of said counties and the jurors summoned by them from the inhabitants of said counties, and the justices of the peace of said counties, and the parties interested in the exercise of the powers under said article twenty-three, and all supplements thereto and amendments thereof; but before said company shall exercise within the city of Baltimore any of the powers granted in this section, it shall first obtain from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore an ordinance prescribing the mode, terms and conditions of the location, building and construction of said railroad within said city.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to acquire by May purchase other roads. purchase, lease or otherwise, and to manage, improve, maintain and operate any other railroad or railroads, which railroad or railroads are hereby authorized to be thus disposed of, managed, improved, maintained and operated, and to connect its tracks with any other railroad or railroads at any point or points; and to change its terminus or termini; and to shorten or extend its railroad or railroads; and to grant to any other railroad company or companies of this or any other State of the United States the use of its railroad or railroads, franchises and other property and possessions, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between it and such other company or companies, which company or companies are hereby authorized to make