

Chapter 420.

AN ACT to extend the privileges and enlarge the powers of the Baltimore and Cape Charles railroad company, incorporated under the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Baltimore and Cape Charles railroad company, a corporation duly incorporated in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, under the provisions of an act of the general assembly passed at the January session eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter two hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act to provide for the creation and regulation of incorporated companies in the State of Maryland," and an act passed at the January session eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter four hundred and forty-six, relating thereto and codified in the revised code in article forty-one, for the purpose of building, equipping, maintaining and operating a railroad from a point near Elkton in Cecil county, of the State of Maryland, on the Baltimore and Philadelphia railroad, now owned and operated by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, and running through the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester, to the boundary line of the State of Maryland and Virginia; and to continue through the state to Cape Charles, as may be hereafter provided by the State of Virginia, shall, in addition to the powers granted under the aforesaid acts and the supplements thereto and the amendments thereof, have power to construct and operate a branch railroad; to lease, buy and improve lands for pleasure resorts along the lines of their road; to lease, buy and build wharves, houses and shops for corporate purposes; to charter, purchase and hold steamboats and barges to ply, in connection with their railroads, to any port or ports, place or places whatsoever; and to contract with the owners of any steamboat or other railroad company for importation of freight or passengers to and from any such railroad or steamboat.

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