

tion, in the sum of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace either in Harford or Cecil counties. Said company shall have the right to acquire property by purchase for the necessary approaches to said bridge from the public highways in Cecil and Harford counties, and in the event that said company cannot acquire the necessary land for the purpose of approaches aforesaid by purchase, then said company shall have the right to condemn the necessary lands for the approaches aforesaid, as provided by article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1908.

CHAPTER 547.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Washington, Spa Spring and Gretta Railroad Company of Prince George's County, a corporation incorporated under the provisions of article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to confirm said charter and grant additional powers to said corporation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Washington, Spa Spring and Gretta Railroad Company, a corporation founded under the provisions of article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroad Companies," in addition to the powers possessed by it under its certificate of incorporation, and in no wise limiting the same, but hereby expressly confirming and making valid said articles of incorporation and the acts of said railroad company shall have the further powers following, to wit: The said Washington, Spa Spring and Gretta Railroad shall have power to lay down, construct and operate a railroad from Washington city, through Prince George's county, by way of Bladensburg and Berwin Heights, to the town of Laurel in said county, with lateral branches, and to operate and run its cars and rolling stock of every kind by electricity or other motive power.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Washington, Spa Spring and Gretta Railroad shall also have the power to purchase, acquire, hold, sell or lease, dispose of and convey real or leasehold property, and the right to lay its tracks along, upon and over any bridge, street, avenue or public highway, first obtaining the permission of proper authorities; and said company, its lessees or assigns, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to haul passengers, packages, parcels and