

shall deem necessary in connection with its said railroad between the termini named in its Certificate or Charter, or so far as its railroad may lie within the State of Maryland; and such Railroad Company is hereby further invested with all the rights and powers necessary and convenient to acquire, either by purchase or condemnation, all land and other property which it may deem necessary for the site of said railroad and the aforesaid additions thereto, either in fee simple or any less estate, in accordance with law; and such Railroad Company may exercise the rights and powers, with which by this Section it is invested, from time to time and with respect to any portion of its existing line or railroad as the demands of its business may require; and nothing in this Section shall be construed as in derogation of any rights and powers already conferred upon such Railroad Company by any of the provisions of this Article or by Special Act, but the rights and powers hereby conferred shall be construed as in enlargement of and supplementary to the rights and powers of the same kind already conferred upon such Railroad Company by the provisions of this Article or by Special Act. Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any railroad company to condemn, use or occupy upon, under or over any portion of any public highway in this State without the consent of the proper authorities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as to any highway in Baltimore City, or of the County or City, as to any highway in any county or city therein, nor to take away, modify or restrict the powers of the said local authorities in said Baltimore City, or any other city or county in the State, as such powers existed prior to the passage of this Act, with regard to the imposition of terms and conditions for the grant of any right in, or upon giving their assent to the use of, any portion of any public highways of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any railroad company which may avail itself of the benefit of this Act shall be deemed thereby to have surrendered any exemption from taxation which it may have.

Approved April 18th, 1918.

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#### CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to repeal paragraphs four, seven, and ten of Section one of Chapter seventy-seven of the Acts of the General As-