

passage of this Act to organize by the election of a president and such officers as may in their judgment be to them necessary for the proper management of the affairs of said company.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said corporators under the above name, shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling and conveying property, real, personal or mixed, as far as shall be necessary for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and shall have perpetual succession, and by such corporate name may sue and be sued, and to make and have and use a common seal, and the same alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall have and enjoy and may exercise all the powers, rights, privileges, acts, matters and things incident and necessary to the purposes of the said corporation created by this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the company hereby incorporated shall be and it is hereby invested with all rights and powers necessary for the construction, repair and operation of a railroad from some suitable point, to be determined by its board of directors, at or near the boundary line of the District of Columbia, and running through and over the Counties Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's to a point on the Patuxent River in St. Mary's County at or near the farm known as Esperanza, and with further power to locate, build and construct any extension or lateral branches as may in the judgment of said board be proper and suitable for the purpose of said company.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said company be and it is hereby authorized, in order to construct said railroad, or any extension or lateral branches thereof on such land or property of any individual or corporation, or on such private right of any corporation or individual as it may deem necessary to occupy in order to construct said railroad between the points authorized by this Act, and when the consent of the owners of such ground or property cannot, from any cause, be obtained, the said corporation may obtain the same by condemnation in the manner as is provided in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland and all the supplements and amendments thereto; and the said corporation shall have the power, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners and the municipal authorities of any city or town along the route, as the case may be, to use and occupy for the purpose of its said railroad, any public road in said county or any street, alley or lane in any of said cities and towns.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said railroad company shall have the power to construct and operate branch roads, to lease, buy and improve lands along the lines of said railroad; to