

lease, buy and build wharves, houses and shops for corporate purposes; to charter, build, purchase and hold steamships, steamboats, tugs, barges, lighters and other vessels, to ply in connection with said railroad to any port or ports, place or places whatsoever, and to contract with any other railroad, steamship and steamboat line or company for the transportation of freight and passengers.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said Washington and Tidewater Railroad Company shall have the power to unite, connect and consolidate with any railroad company or companies, either in or out of this State, so that the capital stock of said companies so united, connected and consolidated, respectively, may, at the pleasure of the directors, constitute a common stock, and the respective companies may thereafter constitute one company, and be entitled to all the property, franchises, rights and privileges and immunities which each of them possess, have and enjoy under and by virtue of their respective charter, provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to the purchase of any parallel or competing line of railroad.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the Washington and Tidewater Railroad Company shall have the power to lease or purchase and operate any railroad or railroads, either in or out of this State, for the purpose of carrying on their business, and any other railroad in this State shall have the right to lease or sell its railroad or other property to the Washington and Tidewater Railroad Company, provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to give the power to lease, purchase or operate any competing or parallel line of railroad.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of directors of said corporation shall have the power and right to adopt any route or routes for the said railroad between the terminals mentioned in this Act as to them shall seem most suitable and proper, and shall have power when necessary to cross all navigable waters, streams or creeks, as well as rivers, streams or creeks not navigable, by suitable bridges or causeways, and also the right to cross the lines of other railroads and condemn easements therein.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege to increase the same to two million dollars, and be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, which shall be collected by the directors of said railroad company in such instalments and at such times and places as they may appoint and require, and if any subscriber to said stock shall neglect or fail to pay any instalments or part or parts of their subscriptions thus demanded for the space of twenty days next after the time shall