

CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to incorporate the Western Maryland Coal and Coal Oil Company of Allegany County. Passed March 10, 1865.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George Charles, D. E. Conklin, John Hitchins, J. P. Roman and Samuel Jeffries and such other persons as may become associated with them in manner as hereinafter provided, be and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Western Maryland Coal and Coal Oil Company of Allegany County, and by that name shall have succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court whatever and may have a common seal and the same alter and renew at pleasure, and the said company shall have all the powers, faculties, franchises and rights necessary or convenient for carrying on the mining of coal and boring for coal oil and other oils, gases and vapors, and distilling, refining and preparing the same for sale and use, and for mining and manufacturing iron and other ores and products of its property, and selling and disposing of the same; and for acquiring and holding within the limits of Allegany county, by lease or purchase, lands, mines, and erecting factories, machinery and equipments convenient or useful for carrying on its business; *provided* Provisos. the quantity of land held by it at any one time shall not exceed four thousand acres, and said corporation shall have power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations, as it may deem necessary from time to time; *provided,* the same are not inconsistent with the laws of this State or of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That to enable said company to transport the products of their mines, lands and manufactories to market, it shall have power to construct, lease, purchase, and hold such rail roads or tram roads within the limits of Allegany county, as it may deem necessary, and in surveying, locating, constructing and preserving such rail roads, with their appurtenances and equipments, it shall have all the powers, rights, immu- Power to construct rail roads, &c.