

shall have all the powers granted by the act to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said company shall have power to consolidate with any line of telegraph in this or other States, with which they may connect, and the powers granted by the third and eighth sections of the act to which this is a supplement are hereby enlarged so as to apply to any consolidation, and the said company may have a common stock, with such companies or lines of telegraph, and may conform to the provision of the charter of any such companies so far as the same relates to the business of telegraphing, and is not inconsistent with the provisions of said act of eighteen hundred and forty-seven, incorporating the said American Telegraph Company; *provided*, they be not inconsistent with the Laws of this State or of the United States, and this act shall take effect from its passage.

Power to
consolidate.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 381.

AN ACT to incorporate the Merchants and Mechanics Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore.

Passed Mar.
10, 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Joseph C. Whitney, Sheppard C. Leakin, John J. Wright, Horatio L. Whitridge, John M. Stevenson, Joseph H. Rieman, Chauncey Brooks, Nathaniel P. Campbell, together with the subscribers to the stock of the association, shall be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Merchants and Mechanics Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore," and by that name shall have succession, and be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and Equity, or elsewhere; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at their pleasure; and generally to perform all things rela-

Incorporated.