

sion and the continued enjoyment of all its existing corporate rights, privileges and franchises, and to confer upon said corporation all general powers which are or may hereafter be conferred on corporations organized under and subject to the general laws of this state.

*Whereas*, by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, Chapter Three Hundred and Twenty-eight, the Baltimore Steam Packet Company was incorporated, and it was provided by Section Twelve thereof, that said Act should continue in force until the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty, and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly thereafter;

*And Whereas*, by an Act passed at the January session Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-six, Chapter fifteen, said Act of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-nine, Chapter Three Hundred and Twenty-eight, was extended and continued in full force for the period of twenty years from the Tenth day of March, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two, and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly thereafter;

*And Whereas*, by an Act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, Chapter thirty-nine, said Act of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, Chapter Three Hundred and Twenty-eight, as extended and supplemented by said Act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, Chapter Fifteen, was extended and continued in full force for the period of forty years from the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-two and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly thereafter;

AND WHEREAS, under the terms of said several Acts it is made to appear that the time limits therein fixed and, particularly, that the time limit provided by said Act of 1882—Chapter 39, may constitute a limit upon the duration of the Act in its entirety rather than a mere limitation upon the duration of the corporation, in such wise that unless extended by special Act the provision of the general Act of 1908, Chapter 240, repealing statutory limitations upon the duration of then existing corporations may not be effective to extend charter and powers of said the Baltimore Steam Packet Company.

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable that the provisions of said Acts shall be continued in full force and that said Baltimore