

by virtue of this act, or their own by-laws, are authorised to demand and receive for passage in, upon and along the said road, at any such gate or turnpike, over or upon the same, or any part of the same, for any term not exceeding seven years, under such rents, reservations and conditions, as the said president and managers, at any meeting of their board, shall agree upon, which grants and demises shall have the same construction, force and effect, as other like grants and demises may between private persons have and receive.

XXIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if by the termination of the said road it should so happen that a fractional part may remain over and above the even five miles, measuring from Westminster aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said company, on the same being completed agreeably to this act, to make application to the governor and council, who shall thereupon have the same examined and licensed as aforesaid, to receive tolls in the same proportions on the aforesaid fractional part of the said road, as is herein before allowed to be received on other parts of the road.

XXX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any corporation or body politic in the United States to become subscribers for stock in said company, in the same manner as individuals may become subscribers and stockholders therein, and transfers of stock in said company may be made by corporations or bodies politic of their stock in said company in such manner as the said company shall and may from time to time by their laws direct and appoint.

XXXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and managers of the Baltimore Reister's-town turnpike road company, with the consent of the commissioners of the Hagar's-town turnpike road company, or a majority thereof, may open books in the manner herein prescribed, and receive subscriptions for the amount of stock above specified, and make the road herein mentioned in the same manner herein described, and have all the rights and privileges hereby vested in the Hagar's-town turnpike road company; and if the president and managers of the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike company, and the commissioners aforesaid, should not agree as aforesaid, before the president and managers of the Hagar's-town turnpike road company are elected, the presidents and managers of the two companies aforesaid may agree to unite into one joint stock the several stocks of the two companies, and form one company, which shall be subject to the same conditions, and entitled to all the rights and privileges, vested by law in either or both of said companies, and whenever the said agreement is entered into, the same shall be entered of record on the books of the said company.

XXXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said company shall not proceed to carry on the said work within two years from the passage of this act, or shall not complete the same as far as Harman's Gap, in the South Mountain, in six years, and to Hagar's-town in four years thereafter, then the right of said company to such road not finished shall revert to the counties respectively.

XXXIII. AND, whereas in making said new road the bed of the old road is frequently departed from, and doubts are entertained whether the proprietors of the land through which such parts of the road pass are authorised in shutting up the same; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That wherever the new road shall depart from the bed of the old road, it shall and may be lawful for the president and managers of the said company, with the consent of the owner or owners of the land through which the old road passes, to shut up the same.

C H A P. XCVII.

An ACT for the relief of Edward Foard, of Cæcil County.

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Edward Foard, of Cæcil county, that in the year eighteen hundred and one, he purchased a lot of ground in said county, of a certain James Burgoyne, and paid the purchase money, and obtained a deed for the same, and that since the execution of the said deed the said James Burgoyne hath departed this life: And whereas some doubts have arisen as to the validity of the title of the said Edward Foard to the said property, in as much as the said James Burgoyne was never naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the said Edward Foard to the aforesaid lot of ground shall be, and the same is hereby made, as perfect and complete, to all intents and purposes, as if the said James Burgoyne had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States before the said purchase was made, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding.