

CHAPTER 35.

Passed
Mar. 1, 1854.

AN ACT to increase the corporate powers heretofore granted to the Patapsco company by the act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter one hundred and thirty-seven, entitled, an act to incorporate the Patapsco company, by authorising the said company to make a rail road and establish a line of boats.

Authority to
make road,
&c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Patapsco company be and it is hereby vested with full power and authority to make, construct, maintain and to keep in repair a rail road from some suitable point or points on the lands of said company, to connect with the Baltimore and Ohio rail road at some point or points east of the Relay House, with as many tracks as the president and directors of the Patapsco company may deem necessary or convenient, to be of a width of not more than sixty-six feet, exclusive of the necessary slopes of embankments and excavations of said road, excepting only at such place or places where it may be deemed by said president and directors necessary, convenient or useful to occupy a greater width for the construction of its necessary sidelings, turn-outs, depots or stations; and the Patapsco company aforesaid may cause to be made or may contract with others for making said rail road, or any part of it, and they and their agents or those with whom they may contract, or their agents, may enter upon and use and excavate any lands which may be wanted for the site of the said roads or the erection of warehouses or other works necessary for the said roads or for its construction or repair; and that they may build bridges with such draws as will enable such boats or vessels as now usually navigate the Patapsco river to pass said bridges, fix scales and weights, lay rails, may take and use earth, gravel, stone, timber or other materials which may be needed for the construction and repair of the said road or any of its works, and may make and construct all works whatever which may be necessary and expedient, in order to the proper completion and maintenance of the said road, and may also own and employ steamboats or other vessels to connect the said rail road or rail roads with other points by water communication; *Provided,* nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise the Patapsco company to take private property for its use, without

Proviso.