

Commissioners authorised to construct railroad.

special meeting, unless a majority in value of the stockholders shall attend in person or by proxy.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted,* That the said Company be, and they are hereby authorised to locate and construct a railroad from the town of Centreville, in Queen Anne's county, or from any other point or points in the said county that may be deemed most advisable by the said Company, through Kent county to Fredericktown, in Cecil county, to connect with the Sassafras River Railroad—about being constructed—or to Elkton, in same county, to connect with the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, or to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Delaware, and thence to connect with the Delaware Railroad, or with any of the branches of the said road by such route or routes, and at such point or points as may be secured by charter from the Legislature of the State of Delaware; and also to locate and construct lateral branches from said railroad to any point or points in said counties which may be deemed by said Company needful and eligible; and the said Company are also hereby authorised to extend the said railroad from the terminus in Queen Anne's county, which may be hereafter selected and located by the said Company, so as to connect with the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, or with any of the branches of the said road, by such route or routes and at such point or points as may be hereafter selected and determined upon by the said Company; and for all such purposes to enter upon any land necessary for locating, laying out, or making the said road, branches, or extension, or any part thereof, or to procure land, gravel, earth, wood, or timber for such use, and to obtain the right and title to the same, as hereinafter provided.

Mode of proceeding in a case of condemnation.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted,* That the President and Directors of the said Company may agree with the owner or owners of any lands, earth, timber, gravel, or other materials or any improvements for the construction or repair of any of said road or its works, for the purchase or use and occupation of the same, and in case they cannot agree, or if the owner or owners, or any of them, be a feme covert, under age, non compos mentis, or out of the State, on application to a justice of the peace of Queen Anne's or Kent county (as the case may be) he shall issue his warrant, under his hand and seal directed to the Sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury