

CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT in favor of the Western Maryland Rail- road Company, ignoring and waiving on the part of the State, all cause of forfeiture by reason of the said company's failure to comply with any of the provisions of the original act incorporating the same, passed January session eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter three hundred and four, and further amending said original act. Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the original act incorporating the Western Maryland Railroad Company, that is to say, the act entitled an act to incorporate the Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Railroad Company, passed January session eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter three hundred and four, (the said original corporate name being afterwards changed by an amendatory act, passed at January session eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter thirty-seven; to the aforesaid name of Western Maryland Railroad company,) shall be as available, and remain in full force, and virtue in law, to all intents and purposes, as though the twenty-sixth section of said original act, requiring the road therein contemplated to be commenced within three years, and finished within ten years from the passage of said original act, had not been made a part of such original act; *Provided,* however, that said road be commenced within six years, and finished within twelve years from the passage of this act. Time extend- ed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all acts proceed- ings and contracts heretofore made, had and done by the President and directors of the said Western Maryland Railroad Company, or to which they have become a party, shall be and they are hereby ratified and confirmed and made as valid, and effectual, as if there had been no failure on the part of said company to comply with any of the provisions of said original act. Made valid.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be understood as repealing or affecting any of the provisions contained in the amendatory act aforesaid passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty three, chapter thirty-seven. Not to repeal or affect.