

by a majority vote of its stock, to acquire by consolidation, merger, lease, purchase or otherwise, the assets, franchises, rights and properties of every kind of any railroad or railway company or companies, existing or operating, in whole or in part, in the District of Columbia, or in the State of Virginia, connecting, or with which it may desire to connect its lines, or those of any company or companies which may be purchased by it under the powers hereby conferred, including any extension thereof, as hereinafter provided, or upon a like authorization by a majority vote of its stock to lease or sell, and convey its assets, rights, franchises and property to any of the companies above named for the purposes of such consolidation.

Power to  
extend its  
lines, build  
stations, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said the Washington and Rockville Railway Company of Montgomery County, or such other purchasing and consolidating company, under its present or any future name, shall have power to extend its present lines, or any which may hereafter be acquired by it under the powers hereinbefore granted, in any direction, for a distance not to exceed seventy-five miles from the present termini of said lines, and operate any such extension or extensions, as well as the said original lines, by the use of electricity, liquids or gases in any form, cable or any motive power whatsoever; to construct all such stations, houses, buildings, bridges and structures of whatsoever nature necessary or appropriate for the said purpose, and to transport passengers, freight, express matter and United States mail, and to collect fares and tolls for same over the said original lines or extensions thereof; and in the event that the said company shall not be able to come to an agreement with the owner or owners of any lands through or adjacent to which the said extensions or any of them may be located or pass, then with further power to institute proceedings under the provisions of Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroad Companies," for the condemnation of such lands as may be required for rights of way, pole, conduit and pipe lines for any useful purposes whatsoever connected with or necessary in the discretion of the board of directors of said company to the exercise of the powers and franchises hereby granted, and also for its yards, markets, stations, bridges, ferry-slips and structures, power-houses, transmitter and switch buildings, and for such other structures and works as it may require for the construction, maintenance and convenient operation of its power plants, lines, route or routes, extensions

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