

conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective companies, or by purchase at any sale of the property and franchises of any such corporation heretofore incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated under the terms of a mortgage or deed of trust heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, conveying the property and franchises of any such company, or under decree of any court, or under an execution issued against the property of said company; and said purchasing company shall have and possess all the rights, franchises and privileges heretofore enjoyed by the company whose property is so acquired, whether the same were acquired under grant from any State, municipality, or other corporation; or may consolidate with any other telegraph company or corporation of this or any other State, under such name and with such capital stock, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such companies or corporations; and whenever such consolidation as aforesaid is made, a certificate of the same and of the particulars thereof shall be executed and acknowledged by the president or other principal officers of said corporations so consolidating, which said certificate shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if the principal office of the said consolidated corporation in this State is located in Baltimore City, or in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for that county in which the principal office of said consolidated company in this State is located, and when said consolidated company is formed it shall be subject to the provisions of this Article as far as the same are applicable.

May consolidate with other lines.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to give the consent of the State to the purchase of a lot or lots of ground in Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland, by the United States of America, for the purpose of erecting thereon a public building, and to cede to the United States of America jurisdiction over the same.

Ellicott City, Maryland. Public building.

Preamble. WHEREAS, There is now pending in the Congress of the United States of America a bill to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a lot of ground and the erection thereon of a public building in Laurel, Maryland; and