

CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT to incorporate the Maryland and Washington Railway Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Wright Rivers, Louis D. Wino, John O. Johnson, Charles A. Wells, A. G. Bliss, Van H. Manning, Wallace, A. Bartlett, Benjamin D. Stephen, D. M. Nesbit, Pinkney Scaggs, Fillmore Bealle, Stephen Gambrill, William I. Hill, Charles H. Stanley, Robert V. Hall, Edward Phelps, Francis H. Smith, Frank Browning and Charles E. Caffin of the State of Maryland, and Joseph A. Blundon, Edwin A. Newman and Ellis Spear of the District of Columbia, and their successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate under the name of the Maryland and Washington Railway Company, with power to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, and have and use a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure, with authority to construct, and lay down a single or double track railway, with the necessary switches and turnouts, in Prince George's County, Maryland, from a point or points beginning on the northeast boundary line of the District of Columbia, and connecting with any passenger railway or railways within the District of Columbia, all of said connections uniting at the nearest convenient point, to said boundary line, running thence in a northerly direction by the most convenient route, to be approved by the County Commissioners, of Prince George's County to the village of Branchville in said county and State, with the right within five years after the approval of this act, to extend said railway from Branchville to Laurel, Maryland, or to any intermediate point, and with the right to run public carriages thereon drawn or propelled by horse, steam, electricity, cable or other improved motive power, receiving a rate of fare not exceeding two cents per mile for each passenger, provided, said fare be not less than five cents for one passenger for any distance, and with authority to construct and lay down any lateral or connecting road or roads not exceeding ten miles in length, in said Prince George's or in Montgomery Counties, any extension in Montgomery County to be likewise approved by the County Commissioners of said Montgomery County, with the right to run public carriages thereon drawn by horse power or propelled or drawn by steam, electricity or cable or other improved motive power.

Incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the road of said company, with all its property and franchises shall be liable to taxation as is or may be provided by law.

Liability to taxation.