

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall consist of shares of fifty dollars each to be issued to those who have heretofore, or may hereafter furnish funds for the construction and improvement of said lines of telegraph, as may be agreed upon. Capital stock.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said company shall have power to purchase, receive and hold and convey such real estate, and such only as may be necessary for the convenient transaction of the business, and for effectually carrying on the operations of said company, and may appoint such directors, officers and agents and make such prudential rules and regulations and by-laws as may be necessary in the transaction of their business, not inconsistent with the laws of this State or of the United States. Power of the Company.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said company is authorized to construct lines of telegraph along and upon any of the public roads and highways, or across any of the waters within the limits of this State, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers or abutments, for sustaining the cords or wires of the lines; *provided*, the same shall not be so constructed as to incommode the public use of said roads or highways, or injuriously interrupt the navigation of said waters; nor shall this act be so construed as to authorize the construction of any bridge across any of the waters of this State. Privileges.

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person over whose lands said lines shall pass, upon which said posts, piers, or abutments shall be placed, shall consider himself aggrieved or damaged thereby, he shall have a right to apply to a Justice of the Peace of the county where such lands are, who shall thereupon issue his warrant directed to the Sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested persons qualified to serve as Jurors, to meet at the proper place, as directed by said justice; and the sheriff shall qualify the said persons by oath, faithfully to perform the duties required of them by this act, and the said jury shall make a just and equitable appraisal of all the loss and damage sustained by said applicant by reason of such lines, posts, or abutments, and make a true return and inquisition thereof, in writ- Damage to private property.