

in December, 1886, the charter of which was amended by the Acts of 1888, Chapter 465, and 1890, Chapter 363; and, WHEREAS, The charter of the said Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway Company was amended by the Act of 1902, Chapter 329, and the powers of said company were thereby enlarged; and,

WHEREAS, The said last named company on the faith of the said charter and the aforesaid Acts of Assembly has expended money in surveys and in the promotion of said enterprises, but doubts have been suggested as to the validity of its charter and franchises because of the provisions contained in the Act of 1910, Chapter 725, page 81, whereby such a railroad is required to build each year, and place in operation, at least five miles of its incompleated road, although by the provisions of Article 23, section 280 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, a railway company purchasing such incompleated railroad is allowed ten years from the date of its organization to complete and finish the main line of its road, and said period has not yet expired; and,

WHEREAS, The public interest requires that said charter and franchises be freed from doubts and that said railway company be allowed further time for the completion of said railroad; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the charter, franchises, road bed and property of the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway Company be and the same are hereby relieved from the operation and effect of said Act of 1910, Chapter 725, page 80, and from all liability to forfeiture or abandonment under any other laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway Company and its charters, franchises, road beds and property be and the same are also hereby relieved from the effect of the provisions of Article 23, section 253 of the Public General Laws of this State of 1904, whereby an unfinished road bed is liable to abandonment and to be used and appropriated by any other company.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Acts of 1888, Chapter 465, 1890, Chapter 363, and 1902, Chapter 329, be and the same are hereby confirmed and declared to confer upon the said Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway Company