

No. 404.

A N A C T

To incorporate the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company.

Assent of the
commonwealth
given to the
company.Act adopted, rati-
fied and con-
firmed.

Proviso.

To sue and be
sued as other
bodies corporate.Subject to the
authorities of
Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the full and entire assent of this commonwealth, be and the same is hereby given to all and each of the provisions mentioned and contained in an act of the legislature of Ohio, passed the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company;" and the said act of the state of Ohio is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed and enacted into a law of this commonwealth, and all and each of the provisions, conditions and restrictions thereof, as fully and effectually as if the same were enacted section by section, so far as the same can apply to this commonwealth, reserving always to this commonwealth the same and like rights and powers, in all respects, in and over that part of the contemplated railroad which may be in the state of Pennsylvania, as has been reserved and provided in the said recited act of the state of Ohio, in and over that part of the said railroad which may be in the state of Ohio; and the said act shall be in full force and effect, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, wherever the same is applicable, as well within as without this commonwealth, as an act incorporating the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company, for all and every the objects and purposes therein set forth and provided for: *Provided*, That the track of that portion of the said railroad, situated in this state, shall be constructed of the same width with the track of the Pennsylvania railroad: *And provided further*, That the said railroad company shall connect, at or near the city of Pittsburg, with the Pennsylvania railroad, with the consent of the Pennsylvania railroad company, and shall also permit the Pittsburg, Kittanning and Warren railroad company to connect with said road, at or near the city of Pittsburg, as well as all lateral railroads incorporated by this commonwealth.

SECTION 2. That in all cases when the matter in controversy shall have originated or arisen within the limits of this commonwealth, the said company may sue and be sued, in like manner as other bodies corporate within this commonwealth sue and are sued; and in all matters and things which may in any way relate to or concern the exercise or abuse of the rights, privileges, powers and franchises hereby granted, and also in all things which may relate to or concern a compliance with, or a breach of the conditions and provisions of this act, the said company shall be as perfectly subject to and under the control of the proper authorities of Pennsylvania, as if the said company had been created by a law of this commonwealth; and in any suit, action or proceeding at law against said company, the process may be served within the proper county or district, upon any known officer or agent of said company.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the president and directors of said company, as soon as any portion of their railroad, situated between the city of Pittsburg and the eastern line of the state of Ohio, is completed and in use for transportation, to prepare a full and accurate

statement of the cost of construction of said portion of their railroad, authenticated by the oath or affirmation of the president and secretary of said company, and communicate the same to the auditor general of this commonwealth, who shall file the statement in his office. Statement of cost of construction.

SECTION 4. That the stock of said company, to an amount equal to the cost of the construction of the said portion of their road, shall be subject to taxation by this commonwealth, in the same manner, and at the same rate, as other similar property is subject; and it shall be the duty of the said company to cause their treasurer, upon the declaration of any dividend after said portion of their railroad shall have been completed, to retain out of said dividend, and pay into the treasury of this state, the tax to which such portion of stock is liable. Stock subject to taxation by this commonwealth in amount equal to cost of construction.

SECTION 5. That N. B. Craig, James Woods, William M. Lyon, William Robinson, junior, Harmar Denny, Thomas Bakewell, Joshua Hanna, A. W. Loomis and David Shields, of Allegheny county; James Patterson, Daniel Agnew, Joseph Pollock, William Henry, Ovid Peiny, F. Reno and Dr. D. Leisure, of Beaver county; John B. Myers, John A. Wright, John H. Diehl, James M'Gee, James Traquair, Joseph M. Thomas, Lewis Cooper and Solomon W. Roberts, of Philadelphia, be and the same are hereby appointed additional corporators to carry out the provisions of this act. Additional corporators.

SECTION 6. That exemplified copies of the said act of the state of Ohio, and of an act passed by said state on the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An Act regulating railroad companies," shall be annexed to this act, and published in the same manner as this act shall be published; and the governor shall cause an attested copy of this act to be transmitted to the governor of Ohio, for the use of that state. Exemplified copies of certain act to be annexed and published.

SECTION 7. The legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act, and to resume the franchises herein granted, at any time: *Provided*, That no injustice shall be done to the corporators. Reservation.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. F. JOHNSTON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

AN ACT to incorporate the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That John S. Blakely, James Farmer and William Farmer, Jacob Harbaugh, Leonard Hanna, Henry H. Gregg, Zadock Street, Joseph J. Brooks and B. F. Hiddleston, of Columbiana county; Dwight Jarvis, Charles K. Skinner, David Carter, George W. Belden, Peter Hughes, John Unkefer and John Harris, of Stark county; Cyrus Spink, James Jacobs, Benjamin Jones, John Larwell, Thomas Robinson and S. F. Day, of Wayne county; Charles R. Denning, James M. Boyd, Joseph M. Comb, John S. Fulton, Luther M. Pratt, E. N. Gates and Hulbert Luther, of Ashland county; James Purdy, Thomas W. Bartley, Elijah W. Lake, Joseph Musgrave, E. Hedges and C. L. Avery, of Richland county; William M. Miller, John A. Gormly, Josiah Scott and Paul J. Hettick, of Crawford county; and Joseph Corporators.

Name. M'Cutchén and David Ayres, of Wyandot county, are hereby created a body corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name of "The Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company," with power to construct a railroad from the town of Mansfield, in Richland county, eastwardly by the way of the towns of Wooster, Massillon and Canton, to some point in the eastern boundary line of Ohio, within the county of Columbiana, as hereinafter provided; thence to the city of Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania; and from said town of Mansfield westwardly, by the way of Bucyrus, in Crawford county, until it intersects the west line of the state of Ohio, at such point as may be determined by said company to be most eligible; and said company may locate its road on any route from Canton, by way of, or north of North Georgetown, in Columbiana county; and thence by the way of New Lisbon and the Little Beaver valley, or on any line north thereof to the Pennsylvania line; or said company may continue its road from Canton to any point in the line of the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad, south of said village of North Georgetown aforesaid, and connect its road with said Cleveland and Pittsburg road, on terms to be agreed upon by said companies respectively.

Capital stock. SECTION 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be any amount not exceeding three millions of dollars.

Work transferable. SECTION 3. That the president and directors of the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad company are hereby authorized, in case the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad company should be willing, to locate any part of the road now incorporated, upon ground already occupied by the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad company, to transfer any of the work they may have executed, at such price and upon such conditions as may be agreed upon between said companies, to the president and directors of the Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad company, and that thereafter the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad company may confine their operations to such portion of their road as may not be included in such agreement.

When this act to take effect. SECTION 4. This act to take effect in the state of Ohio from and after its passage; and that whenever the legislature of Pennsylvania shall pass a law giving their assent to and confirming the provisions of this act, with such alterations and modifications as shall be necessary and applicable to that part of said railroad, and other works as aforesaid, lying within the limits of the state of Pennsylvania, then this act shall take effect and be in force in that state.

SECTION 5. Said company shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the restrictions and provisions of the act regulating railroad companies, passed February eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. GODDARD,
Speaker of the Senate.

February 24, 1848.

AN ACT regulating railroad companies.

When corporators authorized to construct a railroad. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That when any number of persons, not less than five, shall be named as corporators in any act of the general assembly, and authorized to construct a railroad, they and their associates, successors and

assigns, by the name and style provided in said act, shall thereafter be deemed a body corporate with succession, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, contract and be contracted with, acquire and convey at pleasure all such real and personal estate as may be necessary and convenient to carry into effect the objects of the incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter, break and renew at pleasure, and do all needful acts to carry into effect the object for which it was created; and such company shall possess all the powers, and be subject to all the rules and restrictions provided by this act, except so far as may be modified by the special act incorporating the same. Privileges.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall be authorized to construct and maintain a railroad with a single or double track, with such side tracks, turn-outs, offices and depots as they may deem necessary between the points named in the special act incorporating the same, commencing at or within, and extending to or into any town, city, or village named as the place of beginning or terminus of such road, and construct branches from the main line to other towns or places within the limits of any county through which said road may pass. Powers. May construct branches.

SECTION 3. The capital stock of such company shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, and consist of such sum as may be provided in the special act incorporating the same; such shares shall be regarded as personal property and shall be subject to execution at law. Shares.

SECTION 4. An instalment of five dollars on each share of stock shall be payable at the time of making the subscription, and the residue thereof shall be paid in such instalments, and at such times and places, and to such persons as may be required by the directors of said company. When instalments payable.

SECTION 5. If any instalment of stock shall remain unpaid for sixty days after the time it may be required, whether such stock is held by an assignee, transferee or original subscriber, the same may be collected by an action of debt, with a penalty of five per cent. thereon, or the directors may sell the stock so unpaid at public auction for the instalment, interest and penalty then due thereon, first giving thirty days' public notice of the time and place of sale in some newspaper in general circulation in the county where such delinquent stockholder resided at the time of making such subscription, or becoming such assignee or transferee, or of his actual residence at the time of said sale; or if such stockholder reside out of the state, such publication shall be made in the county where the principal office of the company is located, and if any residue of money shall remain after paying the amount due on said stock, the same shall, on demand, be paid over to the owner; if the whole of said instalment be not paid by such sale, the remainder shall be recoverable by an action of debt against the subscriber, assignee or transferee. Unpaid instalments, how collected.

SECTION 6. That whenever any railroad company heretofore incorporated or created, and incorporated under the provisions of this act, shall in the opinion of the directors thereof require an increased amount of capital stock, they shall, if authorized by the holders of a majority of the stock, file with the auditor of state a certificate setting forth the amount of such desired increase, which shall not exceed the amount of the original capital of said company, and thereafter such company shall be entitled to have such increased capital as is fixed by said certificate. Increase of stock.

SECTION 7. That the persons named in any special act of incorporation, or any five of them, shall be authorized to order books to be opened for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, at such time or times, and at such place or places as they may deem Books to be opened for subscription.

	<i>expedient, after having given at least twenty days' notice, in a newspaper published or generally circulated in one or more counties where</i>
Notice.	<i>books of subscription are to be opened, of the time and place of opening books ; and so soon as fifty thousand dollars, or ten per centum on the capital shall be subscribed, they may give like notice for a meeting of the stockholders to meet at such time and place as they may</i>
Directors chosen.	<i>designate, for the purpose of choosing directors, who shall continue in office until the time fixed for the annual election, and until their successors are chosen and qualified ; at the time and place appointed seven directors shall be chosen, by ballot, by such of the stockholders as shall</i>
Votes.	<i>attend for that purpose, either in person or by lawful proxies ; each share shall entitle the owner to one vote, and a plurality of votes shall be necessary for a choice, but after the first election of directors no person shall vote on any share on which any instalment is due and unpaid ; the persons named in such special act, or such of them as may be present, shall be inspectors of such election, and shall certify what persons are elected directors, and appoint the time and place for holding their first meeting ; a majority of the said directors shall form a board, and be competent to fill vacancies in their board, make by-laws and transact</i>
Board.	<i>all business of the corporation ; a new election shall be annually held for directors at such time and place as the stockholders at their first meeting shall determine, or as the by laws of the corporation may require ; and the directors chosen at any election shall, so soon thereafter as may be convenient, choose one of their number to be president, and shall appoint a secretary and treasurer of the incorporation ; the directors before entering upon their duties shall each take an oath faithfully to discharge his duties, and they shall from time to time make such</i>
Annual election.	<i>dividends of the profits of said company as they may think proper.</i>
Officers.	SECTION 8. <i>If such railroad company shall not be organized within three years from the passage of the special act incorporating the same, and not less than ten miles of such road be completed sufficiently for use within seven years from the same date, then the act creating the same shall be void.</i>
Dividends.	SECTION 9. <i>Such corporation is authorized to enter upon any land for the purpose of examining and surveying its railroad line, and may appropriate as much thereof as may be deemed necessary for its railroad, including necessary side-tracks, depots, work shops and water stations, materials for construction, except timber, a right of way over adjacent lands, sufficient to enable such company to construct and repair its road, and a right to conduct water by aqueducts, and the right of making proper drains : the corporation shall forthwith deposit with the clerk of the court of common pleas, or other court of record of the county where the land lies, a description of the rights and interests intended to be appropriated, and such land, rights and interests shall belong to said company to use for the purpose specified, on making payment, or giving security as is hereafter provided : the corporation may by its directors purchase any such lands, materials, right of way, or interest of the owner of such land ; or in case the same is owned by a person insane, or an infant, at a price to be agreed upon by the regularly constituted guardian or parent of said insane person or infant, if the same shall be approved by the court in which the description aforesaid shall be filed ; and on such agreement and approval, the owner, guardian or parent, as the case may be, shall convey the said premises so purchased, in fee simple or otherwise, as the parties may agree, to such railroad company, and the deed when made shall be deemed valid in law : if the corporation shall not agree with the owner of the land, or with his guardian if the owner is incapable of contracting, touching</i>
Act to be void unless, &c.	
Enter upon lands.	
Purchase lands.	

the damages sustained by such appropriation, such corporation shall deliver to such owner or guardian, if within the county, a copy of such instrument of appropriation; if the owner, or his guardian in case such owner is incapable of contracting, be unknown, or do not reside within the county, such corporation shall publish in some newspaper of general circulation in the county, for the term of three weeks, an advertisement reciting the substance of such instrument of appropriation; upon filing such act of appropriation and delivery of such copy, or making such publication, the court of common pleas, or other court of record of the county where the land lies, or any judge thereof in vacation, upon application of either party, shall appoint by warrant three disinterested freeholders of such county, to appraise the damages which the owner of the land may sustain by such appropriation; such appraisers shall be duly sworn; they shall consider the benefit as well as injury, which such owner shall sustain by reason of such railroad, and shall forthwith return their assessment of damages to the clerk of said court, setting forth the value of the property taken, or damages done to the property, the amount of benefit conferred, and the difference between the damages done to the property taken, which they assess to such owner or owners separately, to be by him filed and recorded; and thereupon such corporation shall pay to said clerk the amount thus assessed, or secure the payment to the satisfaction of such court, or of the judge issuing the warrant, and on making payment or tender thereof to said clerk, or on giving such security as may be required, it shall be lawful for such corporation to hold the interests in such lands or materials thus appropriated, and the privilege of using any materials on said roadway within fifty feet on each side of the centre of such roadway, for the uses aforesaid; the cost of such award shall be paid by such company, and on motion by any party interested and showing said proceedings, the court may order payment thereof, and enforce such payment by execution: the award of said arbitrators may be reviewed by the court of common pleas, or other court in which proceedings may be had on written exceptions, filed by either party in the clerk's office within ten days after the filing of such award, and the court shall take such order therein as right and justice may require, by ordering a new appraisement on good cause shown: *Provided*, That notwithstanding such appeal, said company may take possession of the property described as aforesaid, and the subsequent proceedings on the appeal shall only affect the amount of compensation to be allowed; if prior to the assessment, the corporation shall tender to such owner, or his guardian if he be unable to contract, an amount equal to the award afterwards made, exclusive of costs, the cost of arbitration shall be paid equally by such company and such owner or guardian.

When the owner is incapable or unknown, notice to be given in some newspaper.

Damages, how ascertained.

Tender of payment.

Award may be reviewed.

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SECTION 10. That whenever any railroad company heretofore incorporated, or which may be hereafter incorporated, shall find it necessary for the purpose of avoiding annoyance to public travel, or dangerous or difficult curves or grades, or unsafe or unsubstantial grounds or foundations, or for other reasonable causes, to change the location or grade of any portions of their road, whether heretofore made or hereafter to be made, such railroad company shall be and is hereby authorized to make such changes of grade and location, not departing from the points and general route prescribed in the charter of such company; and for the purpose of making any such change in the location and grade of any such road as aforesaid, such company shall have all the rights, powers and privileges to enter upon and take and appropriate such lands, and make surveys necessary to effect such changes and grades, upon the same terms and be subject to the same obligations, rules and regulations as

Authorized to change location or grade.

Not to depart from the general route.

are prescribed in the ninth section of this act; and shall also be liable in damages, when any have been caused by such change, to the owner or owners of the lands upon which such road was theretofore located, to be ascertained and reserved as aforesaid; but no damages shall be allowed, unless claimed within thirty days after actual notice of such intended change shall be given to such owner or owners, if residing on the premises, or notice by publication in some newspaper in general circulation in the county, if non-resident: *Provided however*, That no such change of the location of the road be made, unless approved by the board of public works; and to enable the board of public works to act understandingly upon all such subjects, the said board of public works be and is hereby directed to appoint, on the application of any railroad company desiring such change, a competent engineer of the railroad to examine the proposed new route and report the facts to the board of public works: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to give to the Little Miami railroad company any power to re-locate said railroad south of its present location within the corporate limits of the town of Fulton, in Hamilton county, unless such change shall be approved by the board of public works.

SECTION 11. If it shall be necessary in the location of any part of any railroad to occupy any road, street, alley or public way or ground of any kind, or any part thereof, it shall be competent for the municipal or other corporation or public officers or public authorities owning or having charge thereof, and the railroad company to agree upon the manner and upon the terms and conditions upon which the same may be used or occupied, and if said parties shall be unable to agree thereon, and it shall be necessary in the judgment of the directors of such railroad company, to use or occupy such road, street, alley or other public way or ground, such company may apply to the court of common pleas of the county in which the same is situate, setting forth the aforesaid facts; and said court shall thereupon appoint at least three judicious, disinterested freeholders of the county, who shall proceed to determine whether such occupation is necessary, and if necessary, the manner and terms upon which the same shall be used, and make return of their doings in the premises to said court, who shall if they deem the same just and proper, make the necessary order to carry the same into effect, or they may order a review of the same as such court may consider justice and the public interest require.

SECTION 12. Such corporation may demand and receive for the transportation of passengers on said road, not exceeding three and one-half cents per mile, and for the transportation of property not exceeding five cents per ton per mile, when the same are transported a distance of thirty miles or more, and in case the same are transported for a less distance than thirty miles, such reasonable rate as may be from time to time fixed by said company: at any time after the expiration of ten years from the time any such road may be put in operation, it shall be lawful for the general assembly to prescribe the rates to be charged for the transportation of persons or property upon said road, should they be deemed too high, and may exercise the same power ten years thereafter: *Provided*, That no reduction shall be made, unless the net profits of the company on an average for the previous ten years, shall amount to a sum equal to ten per centum per annum upon its capital, and then not so as to reduce the future probable profits below the said per centum.

SECTION 13. Such company shall have power to borrow money on the credit of the corporation, not exceeding its authorized capital stock, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and may execute bonds or promissory notes therefor, and to secure the payment

Proviso.

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Court of common pleas to appoint viewers, &c.

Rates of transportation.

When the general assembly to prescribe rates.

Power to borrow money.

thereof, may pledge the property and income of such company: *Provided*, That the value and security of any liens, mortgage, or the stock come pledged for held in or against such company, by the state or the city of Cincinnati, shall not thereby be injured or otherwise impaired. Property and income pledged for payment. Proviso.

SECTION 14. Such company may acquire by purchase or gift, any lands in the vicinity of said road or through which the same may pass, so far as may be deemed convenient or necessary by such company to secure the right of way, or such as may be granted to aid in the construction of such road, or be given by way of subscription to the capital stock, and the same to hold or convey in such manner as the directors may prescribe; and all deeds and conveyances made by such company shall be signed by the president, under the seal of the corporation; and any existing railroad corporation may accept of the provisions of this section, the five preceding sections of this act, or either of them, and after such acceptance, all conflicting provisions of their respective charters shall be null and void. May acquire lands, &c.

SECTION 15. It shall be lawful for such corporation, whenever it may be necessary in the construction of such road, to cross any road or stream of water, or to divert the same from its present location or bed; but said corporation shall, without unnecessary delay, place such road or stream in such a condition as not to impair its former usefulness. May cross roads, water, &c.

SECTION 16. Such corporation shall as soon as convenient after its organization, establish a principal office at some point on the line of its road, and change the same at pleasure, giving public notice in some newspaper of such establishment or change; and all process against such company, shall be served on the president or secretary, or by leaving a copy at the principal office of the corporation. Principal office. Notice.

SECTION 17. The right is hereby reserved to the general assembly, to provide for taxing such companies by any other mode than that now authorized by the provisions of the act levying taxes on all property of the state, according to its true value, but not so as to require any such company, or the stockholders thereof, on account of the stock owned by them, to pay any greater rate of taxes for the time being, than the general average of taxation for all purposes on other property of equal value in those counties through which such road may pass, or within the limits of which the same may be located; and any existing railroad company may accept the provisions of this section, and thereafter be liable to taxation, as provided by the act levying taxes aforesaid, subject to the right of the general assembly herein reserved: *And provided also*, That any existing railroad company accepting any of the provisions of this act, shall thereafter be subject to the taxation herein provided, subject to the right herein reserved. Reservation to tax said company.

SECTION 18. Every company organized under this act shall be required to erect, at all points where their road shall cross any public road, at a sufficient elevation from such public road to admit of the free passage of vehicles of every kind, a sign, with large and distinct letters placed thereon, to give notice of the proximity of the railroad, and warn persons of the necessity of looking out for the cars; and any company neglecting or refusing to erect such sign, shall be liable, in damages, for all injuries occurring to persons or property from such neglect or refusal. Required to erect signs, &c.

SECTION 19. That if at any time any dispute shall arise between any companies incorporated under this act, and the post-master general, as to the price of transporting the mails, the governor shall have power to adjust the same by arbitration; but nothing contained herein shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of such company to fix the justed. Disputes arising from the transportation of the mail, how adjusted.

times of arrival and departure of their trains, or to change any general regulation of the company.

Annual report of the affairs of the company.

SECTION 20. That each and every railroad company incorporated under this act shall annually, in the month of January, make a full report of the condition of its affairs to the auditor of state, showing the amount of the capital stock of such company; the gross amount of tolls or receipts during the previous year; the cost of repairs and incidental expenses; the net amount of profits, and the dividends made, with such other facts as may be necessary to a full statement of the affairs and condition of such road; and the auditor shall annually present an abstract copy of such report to the general assembly.

Width of track.

SECTION 21. The width of the track or guage of all roads under this act shall be four feet ten inches between the rails.

Semi-annual pay to stockholders.

SECTION 22. It shall be lawful for the directors of any railroad company semi-annually to compute, allow and pay to its stockholders, interest at the rate of six per centum on all moneys theretofore paid as capital stock, to be set apart and paid in stock or cash, as the directors may determine: *Provided*, That they shall not allow or pay any interest in cash to stockholders while any debt of such railroad company, for labor or materials, shall be due and unpaid; *And provided further*, That the capital stock shall in no case be reduced by such payment of interest; and any railroad company may establish a principal office in the manner and for the purpose named in the sixteenth section of this act.

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JOSEPH S. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
CHARLES B. GODDARD,
Speaker of the Senate.

February 11, 1848.

[1849.]

No. 423.

AN ACT

To authorize the Western telegraph company to construct lines of telegraph wires through Pennsylvania, in a direction from Baltimore to the Ohio river.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The legislature of the state of Maryland passed an act to authorize a company to construct lines of telegraph wires from Baltimore to the western limits of the state of Maryland:

And whereas, The assent of the legislature of this commonwealth is requested, to authorize the said company to conduct lines of telegraph through such part of this state as may be found expedient and necessary, in the direction of the Ohio river; therefore,