

[ Act No. 2373, February 28, 1914 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND PARAGRAPH TWO OF SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND TEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO THE MANILA RAILROAD COMPANY A CONCESSION FOR RAILWAY LINES IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AND PROVIDING IN RESPECT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR CONDEMNATION OF LAND BY PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS," MAKING ITS PROVISIONS EXTENSIVE, WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TO THE FORESHORE AND LAND RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

SECTION 1. Paragraph two of section one of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and ten, granting to the Manila Railroad Company a concession for railway lines in the Island of Luzon, and providing in respect of proceedings for condemnation of land by public service corporations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. Under and by virtue hereof the right of way through the public lands of the Philippine Government is hereby given and granted to the grantee for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the railroad or railroads as herein authorized to the extent of one hundred feet in width where it may pass through the public domain, including all necessary ground for depots, machine shops, station buildings, workshops, water stations, warehouses, including wharves and dock fronts, switches, side tracks, and also such extra lands beyond such one hundred feet as may be found necessary for said purposes: *Provided*, That the same be approved by the Governor-General as a part of the definite plans hereinbefore provided for; and the right, power, and authority shall thereunder be given to said grantee, with the written approval of the Governor-General, to open and work quarries and gravel Quarries and gravel pits upon any public lands and to take from such lands earth, stone, timber, and other materials, for the construction of such railway; but the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to public lands available for homestead settlement or for sale under the Public Land Act, or to timber lands of the Philippine Government, and shall not apply to lands used and assigned for other public purposes, or to the lands known as the friars' lands.

"The grantee shall have the right, with the approval of the Governor-General, to cross or occupy such parts of public roads, alleys, avenues, and squares, and to acquire title to such other municipal or provincial lands, as may be an necessary, on terms to be agreed upon by the grantee and " the proper provincial or municipal authorities, as the case may be, and in case of failure to agree upon the terms thereof, such terms shall be fixed by the Governor-General.

"Lands or rights of use and occupation of lands granted under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall revert to the governments by which they were respectively granted, upon the termination of this franchise or concession, or upon its revocation or repeal.