

[Acts No. 1835, May 21, 1908]

AN ACT TO GRANT TO THE INSULAR COAL COMPANY, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE A RAILWAY LINE FROM THE SHORE LINE AT THE PORT OF DANAOS TO THE COAL DISTRICT OF CAMANSI, PROVINCE OF CEBU.

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

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted to the Insular Coal Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, of the United States of America, and its successors and assigns, to construct, equip, maintain, and operate for a period of fifty years after the date of the passage of this Act, a railway line from the shore line at the port of Danaos, municipality of Danaos, Province of Cebu, Philippine Islands; running thence through the town of Danaos to a point on the Danaos River, approximately three kilometers distant from the point of beginning; thence along the left bank of the said river a distance of some six and twenty-five hundredth kilometers to a point in the coal district of Camansi : thence a distance of some two kilometers, over lands formerly claimed by the Compostela Coal Company, the total length of the proposed line being approximately twelve kilometers.

SEC. 2. During the continuance of this franchise the grantee shall enjoy the following powers, privileges, and exemptions:

- (a) To occupy, with the prior approval of the Governor-General, any part of the unoccupied public domain necessary for the purpose . of the enjoyment of the franchise granted by this Act.
- (b) With the approval of the Governor-General, to cross or occupy such parts of public highways, roads, trails, alleys, avenues, and squares, and, with similar approval, to acquire title to such other municipal or provincial lands as may be necessary for the location and construction of said railway, 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 section shall revert to the governments by which they are respectively granted upon the termination of this franchise and concession or upon its revocation or repeal.
- (c) To acquire from corporations or private individuals, by purchase, contract, lease, grant, or donation, any lands which may be necessary for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the said railway.
- (d) Upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and at any time during the existence of this franchise, to construct, maintain, and operate such additional double tracks, loops, switches, and passing places as may be deemed necessary for the convenience and advantageous operation of said railway, the consent of the Governor-General first having been obtained, and such additions, when completed, shall become part of said railway and shall be held, maintained, and