

## [ Act No. 555, December 08, 1902 ]

### **AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE MANILA RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED, OWNING AND OPERATING THE MANILA AND DAGUPAN RAILWAY, OF TWO BRANCHES, ONE CONNECTING MABALACAT WITH THE MAIN LINE AND ONE CONNECTING BAYAMBANG WITH THE MAIN LINE.**

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

SECTION 1. The Manila Railway Company, Limited, is hereby authorized to construct a railroad in the municipality of Mabalacat, in the Province of Pampanga, four and one-half miles in length, from the main line of the Manila and Dagupan Railway to a point to be occupied by troops of the United States Army as an Army post; and in the municipality of Bayambang, in the Province of Pangasinan, a branch to be one mile in length, and to connect the main line of said railroad with an Army post of the United States Army there to be constructed.

SEC. 2. The branches hereinbefore provided shall be maintained and operated as a part of the line of the Manila Railway Company, Limited, with the same restrictions and privileges as contained in the grant to the Manila Railway Company, Limited, for the construction of a branch line from Guiguinto to Cabanatuan.

SEC. 3. The grant of the franchise herein shall not be construed as in any way prejudicing the Insular Government upon matters in issue between it and the Manila Railway Company, Limited, in respect to the claim of damages by that company for the occupation or injury inflicted by United States forces upon the Manila and Dagupan Railway, nor shall it prevent the United States or the Insular Government from relying upon the defense to such claims that the conduct of said railway company and its agents forfeited any right to recover on such claims.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 8, 1902.



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