

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the directors, or a majority of them, shall have power to cause to be laid out, and with the consent of the owner of the land, to open and make passable, any road or roads, from any landing place which they shall deem convenient to use on the Chesapeak Bay, or on any of the rivers or inlets on the Eastern Shore of this State, to the line of the State of Delaware; and if the owners, or any owner, of such land as may be designated, selected or laid out by the said directors, for a road or landing place, shall be legally incapable of consenting, or if the said directors cannot, from any cause obtain the consent of any owner or owners of any land deemed by them necessary for a road or landing place, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county in which such land may be, on the application or request of the said directors, to summon within twelve days after he shall receive such application, twelve good and lawful men, freeholders in the said county, not interested or related to any of the said owners, or to any member of the said corporation, as a jury, to meet on and examine the land so deemed necessary for a road or landing, and on their oaths, to be administered by the said sheriff, carefully and impartially to inquire and ascertain, as well, who are the owners or owner of the said land required, as the damages that will be sustained by each owner of any such land, and make an inquisition thereof, under their hands and seals; which inquisition shall be returned by the said sheriff, to the clerk of the county court of the county, to be by him recorded; and the costs of taking and recording such inquisition shall be paid by the said corporation, and on payment of the damages so ascertained, or tendering the amount thereof to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, or in case of their refusal to accept, depositing the amount in the Franklin Bank of Baltimore to the credit of the person or persons so entitled, the right to use such land for a road or landing place, shall be vested in the company hereby incorporated: *Provided*, that nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to authorise said company to obtain possession or the use of, any private wharf already established, without the consent of the owner or owners of such wharf.

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Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to restrain the legislature from imposing or levying such reasonable tax by license or otherwise, upon all vessels, property, estate and funds, in which the capital stock of said company shall be invested, in common with similar vessels, property, estate and funds, of any other corporation or individuals of this state; and that this

Reserved powers