

present water system of Baltimore City and its appurtenances; to appoint or employ such professional or technical advisers and experts and such agents, assistants, clerks, employees, including all members of the police service hereinafter mentioned, and laborers, skilled or unskilled, of all kinds, as it may deem requisite for the due and proper execution of this Act, and to fix their respective compensations, and to remove and discharge them at its pleasure (except such highly trained, experienced or skilled individuals as it may appoint or employ upon special terms for definite and fixed periods of time) and to exact from them such indemnity bonds for the proper performance of their respective duties as it may deem proper; to purchase, hire or otherwise lawfully obtain the use of all such machinery, apparatus, tools, implements, appliances, supplies, materials and working agencies as it may need for the purposes of this Act; to make and enter into any and all contracts, agreements or stipulations germane to the scope of its powers under this Act; to make all such preliminary surveys and investigations, and to do all such preliminary work under this Act as it may be advised shall be necessary or proper for the purposes of this Act; to acquire by gift, purchase, arbitration, exchange, lease, whatever the duration of the lease, or other like methods of acquisition, or by condemnation, any land or property, public, quasi public, or private, situated wholly or partly in Baltimore County or in Baltimore City, or situated wholly or partly in Anne Arundel County or in any other county of this State, or any interest, franchise, easement, right or privilege therein, which may be required for any of the purposes of this Act, including springs, brooks, creeks, rivulets, rivers or other water courses, mills, factories, and industrial plants of every description and their appurtenances, workshops, stores, farm buildings, structures, and erections, churches, grave yards, school houses, or other school property, dwelling houses, out houses, bridges, streets, alleys, roads and ways, and all other buildings, structures, erections or improvements of every description, on, over, or under, land, or other property, or any interest, franchise, easement, right or privilege therein, and in like manner to acquire any corporate franchises or any other thing including earth, timber, stone, or other materials, or places of temporary or permanent deposit for excavated material or other like facilities for effectuating the objects of the Act, of any sort that may be required for the purposes of this Act; and generally to do and perform all and every such acts or things which, by anything short of a palpably forced construction, could be held to be auxiliary or conducive to the proper exercise of any, or all, of the powers by this Act conferred upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or to the effective accomplishment of the leading purpose of this Act, namely, the collection, accumulation and maintenance of an ample supply of water in said main reservoir or lake, and its transmission and distribution in as abundant, clear, pure, healthful, convenient and satisfactory a character as possible to the City of Baltimore, and its inhabitants, and such other persons as may now or hereafter be lawfully supplied with water by the City of Baltimore for its and their uses. The