

CHAPTER 376.

AN ACT for supplying the city of Baltimore with pure water. Passed May 27, 1853.

WHEREAS, The conveying of water into the city of Baltimore, from the neighboring springs or streams would greatly contribute to the security of the said city from fire, and to the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof;

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter contract for, purchase, lease and hold to them and their successors, in fee simple, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water course, and also the right to use and occupy forever or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course which they may conceive expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into the said city, for the use of the said city, and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter or pass through, from time to time as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said woods and grounds through which they may deem it necessary to convey the said water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into said city, and to enact and pass all ordinances, from time to time which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, or any agent by them authorised, may agree with the owner or owners of any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials which the said mayor and city council of Baltimore may conceive expedient or necessary, to purchase and hold for the purpose of introducing water into the said city, and if they cannot agree, or if there be any incapacity or disability to contract with the owner or owners of such land or real estate, spring, brook, water or water course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials, or with the owner or owners of such ground through which the said mayor and city council of Baltimore may find it necessary to have a right of entry and passage, for the purpose of conveying the said water into the said city aforesaid, or if such owner or owners shall be absent, out of the State, or unknown, it shall and may be lawful, on

Preamble.
Power to contract for land, &c.

Mayor and city council of Balt. may agree with owners of land, &c.

In case of disagreement, sheriff to summon jury of inquest.