

for the establishment of a National Forest Reserve in said State.

WHEREAS, It is proposed that the Federal Government establish in the White Mountain and Appalachian regions a National Forest Reserve which will perpetuate the forests and forever preserve the head waters of many important streams, and which will thus prove of great and permanent benefit to the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced in the Federal Congress providing for the purchase of such lands for said purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the consent of the State of Maryland be and is hereby given to the acquisition by the United States, by purchase or gift, or by condemnation, according to due process of law, of such lands in the mountain region of Maryland as in the opinion of the Federal Government may be needed to the establishment of such a National Forest Reserve in that region; provided, that the State shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over such lands so far that civil process in all cases, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of the State against any person charged with the commission of any crime without or within said jurisdiction, may be executed in like manner as if this Act had not been passed; and provided, that in all condemnation proceedings the rights of the Federal Government shall be limited to the specific objects set forth by the laws of the United States in regard to forest reserves, and that such proceedings shall be conducted in a manner not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the consent of the State of Maryland is hereby given to the passage by Congress of such laws or ordinances as it may deem necessary or proper for the making and establishment of such rules and regulations as may, in its judgment, be necessary for the management, control and protection of such lands as may be from time to time acquired by the United States under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1908.