

its capital stock from time to time by a vote of the stockholders at a special meeting, or meetings, to be called and held for that purpose, to any sum or sums not exceeding two million dollars.

Power to operate telephone and telegraph plants, construct, lease, etc., in Balto City, and State of Md.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said body corporate shall have the right to install, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph plants and exchanges; to build, construct, equip, lease, own, acquire and operate telephone and telegraph lines in and through the City of Baltimore, and in and through the State of Maryland and elsewhere, and to engage generally in the telephone and telegraph business, and in all of the branches of each of the same, and in the business of transmitting and communicating, or of providing for the transmission or communication of messages, news, information and intelligence of all kinds, from place to place, by means or electric currents or effects through wires or by wireless means or systems, or by any other improved methods of electric, telephonic or telegraphic communication, with or without wires, and to build, install, lease, acquire, hold, dispose of and operate all the electric, telegraphic and telephonic plant or plants or other machinery, equipment, apparatus and appurtenances necessary, of useful and proper, for the conduct of such business and branches of business as aforesaid.

Location of electrical currents.

May erect poles, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said body corporate shall have the right, for the purpose of its business as aforesaid, to transmit or to provide for the transmission of its electrical currents or effects, either above or below ground, throughout the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore and elsewhere, and for said purposes to erect poles and string wires and to construct and operate above ground, telegraph and telephone systems, with all the usual appurtenances, or without wires or by other improved means, with whatever form of equipment may be necessary or suitable, to cross navigable rivers or other streams by sunken cables or overhead construction; provided, that navigation is not thereby interferred with; and further, where necessary or desirable, the said corporation shall have the right to lay down and maintain an underground electric, telephone and telegraph system, with all the necessary sub-ways, conduits, ducts and mechanical and electrical devices, appliances and appurtenances appertaining thereunto, and necessary, useful and proper, for the carrying on and operation of the business of said corporation as aforesaid, both in the City of Baltimore, and throughout the State of Maryland and elsewhere; provided, however, that all sub-