may deem proper for the management and government of its affairs. The said company is hereby empowered to exercise the right of condemnation as provided by statute for railroad companies.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That the said company is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, equip and to construct, lay conduits, tubes or pipes under any of the roads or high-equip and lay conduits, etc ways, streets, pavements, avenues, parks, alleys or lanes of any or all of the cities, counties or towns of this State, and to operate the same by compressed air, power or pressure, for the transporting of mail or merchandise, and may charge such tolls and rates therefor as the Board of Directors may determine, and may erect such compressing, charging or power stations as the company may deem necessary; provided, however, that this authority shall be exercised in the cities and towns of this State, subject to such reasonable regulation as may be prescribed by such cities and towns with reference to the locality and character of such conduits, tubes or pipes; provided, however, that said corporation shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of Chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and all ordinances passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in conformity therewith, and shall be subject to the control in every respect to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in so far as its operations may be carried on in the City of Baltimore, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to the contrary.

SEC. 9. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Sections forty-three and fifty-one of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter one hundred and twenty-three, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Charter," relating to collection of taxes.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections forty-three and fifty-one of Article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as amended and re-enacted by the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight,

Balto, City.