

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter five hundred and forty of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

1. The Great Falls Power Company aforesaid is hereby granted the right to erect such dam or dams or other structures in the Potomac river, in this State, as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes and objects set forth in its original and amended charters, and to that end to condemn property, whether held by individuals or corporations in the State of Maryland in the same full and ample manner as is provided by the section of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroad Corporations," and subject to the restrictions and limitations therein contained, so far as the same are applicable to the changed purposes, objects and designs of the Great Falls Power Company, as established by the provisions of its charter and any amendments thereto; provided, however, that said company shall have the same full, ample and like powers for acquiring by agreement, purchase, gift or condemnation property for its uses and purposes as a railroad company would have under the provisions of the aforegoing Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and any amendments thereto; provided, however, that the acceptance of this Act shall oblige and bind the said Great Falls Power Company not to take, occupy, use, interfere with or damage any property or right vested in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company acquired as the successor of the Potomac Company or otherwise, and not to endanger any part of the canal or works of said canal company in any degree by liability to flood, except by or under written agreement or agreements between the said power company on the one part and the said canal company and the trustees for the time being of the bondholders of said canal company under its mortgages of 1848 and 1878 on the other part, and approved by the Board of Public Works; and as conditioned precedent to the exercise of the right herein granted to build a dam or other structure, as aforesaid, the said power company shall file with the Board of Public Works a survey and plan of the same, showing its location, elevation and construction as proposed, and provided also that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize and empower the Great Falls Power Company to interfere with the vested property-rights of the Montgomery Power Company.

Right to erect
dam, condemn
property, etc.

Powers
defined.