

fire and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and they are hereby vested with full power and authority to provide for the said town any soft water that may be necessary for a full supply of said town, and to provide for the use of the same, and the same to convey in such manner and direction as they may deem most suitable and proper; to establish and construct receivers and reservoirs, and other works which they shall deem necessary for the conveyance and distribution of said water, on any land or lands of any person or persons whomsoever, through whose lands it may be necessary to convey said water, on purchasing the same from the owner or owners thereof by the said corporation; *provided,* that the mode and manner of introducing and conveying said water, and all contracts touching the purchase of water or water-rights, as well as the purchase of lands, or rights of way, pipes, materials, &c., required for the complete construction of said water-works, shall be approved of by the Water Board hereinafter appointed; and if the owner or owners of such land or lands be a married woman, under age, *non compos mentis*, or under any other legal disability to contract for a sale of any of said lands; or if being of age and competent to contract should be unwilling to make such sale, or cannot agree with the said corporation on the terms of sale, in either or any of said cases any one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for Washington county, on the application of the said corporation and Water Board, shall pass an order directing the Clerk of Washington county to issue a commission to three disinterested persons, named in said order, to value such land or lands as shall be required for said purpose, who shall make return thereof to said Circuit Court at the term next ensuing the issuing of said commission; but before the said commissioners shall value such land they shall take an oath, to be endorsed on or annexed to said commission, to execute the trust reposed in them without favor, partiality or

Vested with power to provide supply of water.

Proviso.

Unwilling to sell.

Commission to issue.