

and operate telephone lines from Leonardtown to Charlotte Hall, in St. Mary's County, and in and through the State of Maryland and elsewhere, and to engage generally in the telephone business and in all the branches of the same, and in the business of transmitting and communicating or of providing for the transmission or communicating of messages, news, information and intelligence of all kinds from place to place by means of electric currents or effects through wires or by wireless means or systems, or by any other unfound methods of telephonic communication, with or without wires, and to build, install, lease, acquire, hold, dispose of and operate all electric and telephonic plant or plants or other machinery, equipment, apparatus and appurtenances necessary, useful and proper for the conduct of such business and branches of business as aforesaid.

Powers
granted.

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, from Leonardtown to Charlotte Hall, in St. Mary's County, and throughout the State of Maryland and elsewhere, and for said purposes to erect poles and string wires and to construct and operate above ground 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 interfered with; and further, when necessary or desirable, the said corporation shall have the right to lay down and maintain an underground telephone system, with all the necessary 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; provided, further, that before using the public or county roads the assent of such use by the Board of County Commissioners must be first had and obtained; and provided, further, that before using any of the lanes, alleys and streets of any incorporated town or municipality the assent of the authorities of said town or municipality must be first had and obtained.

Pertaining to
transmission
of electrical
currents.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said body corporate shall have and enjoy all the general powers, provisions, rights and privileges, and be subject to the general regulations contained in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Mary-

Rights and
privileges.