

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

23, Section 167, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as fully as if said section had been therein incorporated. The said manner of procedure of the said Commissioners in condemnation to be in all particulars the same as is provided by said Article and sections aforesaid.

To provide hydrants for fire protection.

Charges for water.

Treasurer's duties.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Commissioners of Delmar, Maryland, are hereby authorized to provide for and have control of hydrants in the streets for the protection of property from fire and such other purposes as they shall specify; purchase supplies for the maintenance of said water works; to cause necessary repairs and renewals to be made; to make extensions; to employ employees; to care for and operate said water works; to establish rules for the service of water to consumers; have the right to determine the kind and size of water pipes and time and manner of laying the same, and the right to elect to lay the same, and to charge and collect the cost of same on the property served; to have the right to elect to require and install necessary water meters and to determine the size, kind and cost of the same, and to charge and collect the same on property served, and the right to inspect and control the management of the same, service of the same and distribution pipes, and all other fixtures and appliances for the use of the water; the right to fix and establish from time to time a schedule of rates or charges for water, the charges to be due and payable semi-annually with penalty of three per cent. if not paid within fifteen days next following the day they are due and with penalty of six per cent. from that day if not paid until the said fifteen days; said charges shall be and are herewith made a lien on the property served, and if not paid within six months from the day they are first due and payable, shall, together with the penalties, be collected according to law in the manner provided for by the rules before mentioned. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the Commissioners of Delmar, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to collect and receive said charges for water under the direction of the said Commissioners and in accordance with the rules to be established as hereinbefore provided for. The treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all water charges and fines on account thereof, due and payable, together with the names of the consumers and description of the property served with water fully identified, together with sub-data as said rules may require in a separate well-bound book or books, to be provided for the purpose by the Commissioners, who shall also render in writing on the first day of each month to the