or parts thereof, showing the streets, avenues, lanes and alleys and the number of houses situated in and the area of each block of ground in said Annex, and such other information as may be desired. The said commission is hereby authorized to direct any municipal officer, agent, employe or board of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to furnish such maps and information and to give such other assistance, information and advice as may be requisite to enable said commission to have prepared such map or maps and put such proposed changes, additions or improvements on them, and to give such other assistance, advice and information as said commission may require to carry into effect its work under this Act.

## 1904, ch. 274, sec. 5.

The said commission hereby created shall be the agent of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, whatever the duration of the lease, or by other methods of acquisition or by condemnation, any private property whatsoever, including streets, avenues, lanes and alleys, rights or interests, franchises, privileges or easements, that may be required to open, widen, extend, straighten, close, grade or pave any street, avenue, lane or alley, or to broaden any sidewalk; and as soon as the title to the property acquired as set forth herein has been certified by the City Solicitor, said commission shall have the same conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and no ordinance shall be requisite to the validity of such conveyance; said streets, avenues, lanes and alleys so conveyed shall become public highways, subject to all ordinances and resolutions relating to streets, avenues, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore. Authority is hereby conferred upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide by ordinance or ordinances the proceedings for condemnation of property as herein set forth by the said commission.

Flack v. Mayor, &c., Baltimore, 104 Md. 107.

## 1904, ch. 274, sec. 6.

841F. No money shall be expended by said commission to pay for the improvement of sidewalks in the said Annex, but same shall be done at the expense of the owner or owners of property along and upon the streets, avenues or lanes on which the said sidewalks are to be placed; authority is given said commission to assess said property for the cost and expenses of said sidewalks, and to collect the same as now prescribed by law or ordinances.

## 1904, ch. 274, sec. 7. 1908, ch. 169.

841G. The said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to contract, subject to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Baltimore City Charter, with any person, persons, company or corporation for the work of opening, grading, curbing and paving the streets, avenues, lanes and alleys of the Annex, as intended by this Act, or to employ the necessard