Hyattsville its ownership in said excepted tract the right to use said excepted tract for road or other public purposes being hereby given said town, and such ownership and right to use to be conclusively admitted by said Beach by his acceptance of said quit-claim.

## WATER WORKS,\*

1900, ch. 216, sec. 2. 1912 Code, sec. 277.

495. The said commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be constructed and maintained a system of water-works for the town of Hyattsville, and to purchase in fee simple or lease, in the corporate name of the Commissioners of Hyattsville, any land which they may deem expedient for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the said water-works. The said commissioners are also hereby vested with the power of condemnation under rights of eminent domain, as provided in Article 23, section 203, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as fully as if said section had been herein 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 section aforesaid.

1900, ch. 216, sec. 3. 1912 Code, sec. 278.

**496**. The said Commissioners of Hyattsville 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; to 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; to have the right to determine the kind and size of the water pipes, the time and manner of laying the same, and the right to elect to lay the same, and to change and collect the cost of the 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 the property served, and the right to inspect and control the management of the same, the service of the same service 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 and 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 after 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 aforementioned. It shall be the

<sup>\*</sup>Sec. 1, ch. 216, 1900, provided for \$30,000 bond issue for water works. Secs. 5-7 of said chapter related to sale of bonds, disposition of proceeds, etc. Ch. 6, 1901 (Special Session) validated said bonds.

