

month nor more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, and to forfeiture of license, one-half the fine to be paid to the informer and the other half to the State.

WATER.

ACQUISITION OF LAND, WATER AND WATER-COURSES—WATER RATES.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 928.

915. The mayor and city council of Baltimore may, from time to time, contract for, purchase, lease and hold, in fee simple, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water-course, and also the right to use and occupy, forever or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water-course which they may conceive expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into the said city for the use of the said city and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter and pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey the said water; and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into said city, and to enact and pass all ordinances, from time to time, which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

Mayor, &c. v. Appold, 42 Md. 442.

1882, ch. 225.

916. They are authorized and empowered to contract with individuals, firms or corporations for the use of the water of said city on such terms and for such time as they may deem proper and expedient.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 929.

917. The mayor and city council of Baltimore, or any agent authorized by them, may agree with the owner of any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water-course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials which the said mayor and city council may conceive expedient or necessary to purchase and hold, for the purpose of introducing water into the said city.