

sions as the mayor and city council may deem expedient and proper.

Authority to purchase property of any other company.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised to purchase all the property, estates, rights and privileges of any chartered company authorised to introduce, or which may hereafter be authorised to introduce water into said city, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and such corporation or corporations in the manner prescribed in their respective charters, or in the absence of such provision as shall be agreed upon by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, and such corporation or corporations, and that such corporation was hereby authorised to execute conveyance or conveyances to the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, of all the franchises and property of said corporation, and all such rights, privileges and franchises shall be vested in the mayor and city council of Baltimore, to be held, exercised and enjoyed by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, as fully in every respect as might or could have been done by any such corporation or corporations under their respective charters.

Not lawful to submerge land to distance of more than 80 feet.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful in making or constructing any dam at Raven's Rocks, to submerge any land to the distance of more than eighty feet from the present banks of the Gunpowder Falls, or of its tributaries, unless with the consent of the owner of the land that shall be submerged.

In force.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall go into effect from the day of its passage.

CHAPTER 377.

Passed May 26, 1853.

AN ACT to authorise the closing of an Alley in Cumberland.

Authority to vacate and close up alley.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Bernard Hafkensheid, Patrick A. Healey, and the German Catholic congregation of Cumberland, in Allegany county, be, and they are hereby authorised to vacate and close up that part of Plum alley, in the town of Cumberland, which extends from Fayette street to Cumberland street, in said town; *Provided*,

Proviso.