

the interior; to buy or have condemned so much land as may be necessary for such roads, and for landings, warehouses, elevators or wharves, by complying with the provisions contained in the fifth section of this act.

Preamble.

SEC. 8. And whereas it has been represented to the General Assembly that there are vast bodies of marsh land bordering on said rivers, frequently covered by water, injuring the health of the people and depreciating the value of the lands of the entire county, and that a large portion of the same is what is known as vacant land or land to which the title of the State has not been extinguished, and that no proper system of improvement can be undertaken without the extinguishment of said title. Therefore be it enacted, that the State of Maryland doth hereby grant unto said company all of said marsh or meadow lands which have heretofore been unpatented and to which the State has any right, title or claim, upon condition that the said company shall drain or reclaim the same within ten years from the completion of the said canal and river improvements. And whenever it can or shall be shown to the register of the land office by the evidence of two competent witnesses that the said lands, or any portion of them, have been drained or reclaimed for cultivation or better pasturage, it shall be his duty and he is hereby directed to issue a patent for so much as shall have thus been shown to have been reclaimed, shall be exempted from taxation for State and county taxes for the period of ten years.

Enactment.

Reclaiming
lowland, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors of said company, in draining or reclaiming any swamp, marsh or lowland, that the said company may own, or acquire any right to drain or reclaim under this act, or in any wise be entitled to, shall have authority to proceed under the provisions of the twenty-second article of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland (sub title "Draining Lands"), as fully and effectually as any individual owner of swamp or lowland may or can have. And whenever it shall become necessary to reclaim any swamp or low or marsh land subject to overflow by water