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General powers.

- 5. To appoint or employ professional or technical advisers and experts and such agents, assistants, clerks, employes and laborers, skilled and unskilled, of all kinds, as it may deem requisite for the due and proper execution of the duties devolved upon it by this Act, or any of them, and to fix their respective compensations and to remove or discharge them at its pleasure (except such highly trained, experienced or skilled individuals as it may agree to appoint or employ upon special terms for definite and fixed periods of time), and to exact from them such indemnity bonds for the proper performance of their respective duties as it may deem proper; provided, however, that the chief engineer of such commission under this Act shall be the city engineer.
- 6. To frame, publish and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations for its own government, and for the supervision, protection, management and conduct of its work as it may deem expedient.
- 7. To make and enter into in the name and on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore any and all contracts, agreements or stipulations germane to the scope of its duties and powers under this Act.
- 8. To purchase, hire or otherwise lawfully obtain the use of all such machinery, tools, implements, appliance, supplies, materials and working agencies as it may need for its purposes; provided, however, that this enumeration of special powers shall not be construed as restricting in any degree the scope of the general powers hereinbefore conferred upon said commission.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Mayor and City

ings, the proceedure shall be such as may now or at any time hereafter be provided for by any lawful ordinance or ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, adopted

Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the agency of said commission, may acquire by gift, purchase or other like methods of acquisition, or by condemnation, any private property, rights or interests, franchises or easements that may exist in any part or parts of any of the beds of any of the public lanes, alleys, avenues, streets or highways hereinbefore mentioned, and that said commission may require for the purpose of giving full effect to the objects of this Act, and when and so often as resort shall be had to condemnation proceed-

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