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Authority to use any public road, etc., for the purpose aforesaid.

pose aforesaid, so, however, as not to prevent the free and convenient travel over such public road, street, bridge or highway by any citizen after having first obtained the consent of the County Commissioners or of the authorities of such incorporated town or city, as the case may be ; and the said company is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire such rights of way or the use of lands as it may find needful or convenient and advantageous to the construction and operation of such railway lines, electric plants or quarries, or for the construction and operation of such lines, conductors, conduits and the erection of poles and wires as may be convenient and needful for its use, by purchase, gift or grant, and for the purpose of obtaining such rights of way as may be needed by said company in any of its operations ; when said company cannot agree with the owner of such needed property, or where the owner is *feme covert*, under age, or *non compos mentis*, or under other legal disability, or is not of either of said counties wherein such property may lie when said property may be needed, said company may proceed to condemn and acquire the use thereof in the manner provided in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

May condemn property.

Capital stock.

5. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to be divided into one hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, with the privilege of increasing the capital stock from time to time by vote of the stockholders at a special meeting held for that purpose to a sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), and all subscriptions to such stock shall be paid at such times as the board of directors may determine, and no stockholder shall be liable for more than the amount of his unpaid subscription to such stock at its par value.

May own and hold the stock of other corporations, etc.

6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said company to own and hold the stock of any other corporation now incorporated, or which may be hereafter incorporated, for any one or more of the purposes set forth in this Act, and said company may acquire by lease, purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise the property and franchise of any such corporation in such manner and form, and to such extent as may at present or hereafter be authorized by the laws of the State to which such corporation may belong ; and this com-