

required for said widening, or in case they or any of them be a feme covert, (under age), non compos mentis or absent, the said company is authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation any land or any interest therein required for the purpose of widening the road as aforesaid, and shall, in exercise of such powers of condemnation, proceed as provided in sections 248 to 254, inclusive, of article 23 of Public General Laws, title "Condemnation of Property by Corporations."

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 21st, 1894.

CHAPTER 117.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Rockville and Bethesda Turnpike Company, of Montgomery County, Maryland, to condemn the turnpike road of the President, Managers and Company of the Washington Turnpike Company.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Rockville and Bethesda Turnpike Company, of Montgomery county, Maryland, has been duly incorporated under the provisions of article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, for the purpose of constructing a turnpike road in said Montgomery county, not exceeding twelve miles in length, from Rockville to Bethesda, in said county, over and upon the line or route of the turnpike road of the President, Managers and Company of the Washington Turnpike Company, a corporation duly incorporated by act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the November session, eighteen hundred and five, chapter seventy nine; and whereas, the said President, Managers and Company of the Washington Turnpike Company has abandoned the said turnpike road and removed its gates therefrom and ceased to charge tolls thereon; and whereas, doubts have been expressed as to the power of the said The Rockville and Bethesda Turnpike Company of Montgomery county, Maryland, to condemn the said turnpike road of the said President, Managers and Company of the Washington Turnpike Company without express legislative authority so to do; now,