

as to terms and details of said contract, except as herein restricted; and may grant permission to any water company to lay pipes in the beds of the streets, place fire plugs, construct all such other works in said town of Cambridge as may be necessary or suitable to carry out the purposes of such water company, at the expense and liability of said water company for all damage or injury to the streets or private property done in laying said pipes or constructing such other works; provided, no contract for the supply of water shall exceed in duration twenty-five years; and the powers hereby conferred upon said commissioners, as to making contracts for water supply, shall also apply to their making of contracts for the lighting of the streets of said town with gas or other method of illumination.

Previous contracts ratified. SEC. 83 A. *And be it further enacted,* That any contract or contracts heretofore entered into between the commissioners of Cambridge and The Cambridge Water Company, within the scope of the powers embraced within the provisions of the preceding section of this act, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, so as to bind the respective parties thereto, their successors and assigns, during the time specified in said contract or contracts.

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

Approved April 6th, 1894.

CHAPTER 467.

AN ACT to repeal Section one of Chapter three hundred and eleven of the Laws of Maryland, passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the January session of the year 1892, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter three hundred and eleven of the Laws of Maryland, passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the January session of the year 1892, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

1. Minors under the age of sixteen years, upon conviction of any offence punishable by imprisonment, may, in the dis-