

confirmation thereof, or when the same shall be paid into court under such regulations as the court by which said inquisition shall have been confirmed, shall prescribe, shall entitle the said company to the estate and interest in the same thus valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed to the said company by the owner of the same.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall injure any of the canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, plugs, pipes, engines, machinery, buildings or any of the works of the company, or shall pollute or render impure any of the said waters by placing foul substances or nuisances therein, they shall forfeit and pay the damages therein, to be recovered with the costs of the suit in the name of said company before any court of justice or justice of the peace having cognizance thereof. Damages to be paid.

SEC. 9. *Be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 485.

AN ACT to incorporate "The Atlantic Fire Insurance Company," with its principal offices at Snow Hill, Maryland, or Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Oliver D. Collins, Marion T. Hargis, Edward White, Robling D. Jones, J. Edward White, Thomas M. Purnell and Calvin B. Taylor, and their successors, and all persons, firms, or corporations who may hereafter become members of the corporation to be created by this Act, are hereby created and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name, style and title of "The Atlantic Fire Insurance Company," and by the same name shall have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend, and be answered and defended in all courts of law and equity in the State or elsewhere; to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall have full power and authority to make insurances on all kind of property against loss or damage by fire or lightning; to provide for the keeping and investment of funds or assets that may become the property of the company, and generally to transact, execute and perform all such business as may appertain to a fire insurance company, not contrary to this Act or the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States. Body corporate.