

ants thereof, and also the right to enter and pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which it may deem it necessary to convey the said water; and it is hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into said City, and to enact and pass all ordinances, from time to time, which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified. To contract with individuals, firms or corporations for the use of the water of said City, on such terms and for such time as it may deem proper and expedient. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or any agent authorized by it, may agree with the owner of any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or watercourse, as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials which it may conceive expedient or necessary to purchase and hold, for the purpose of introducing water into the City of Baltimore. If they cannot agree, or if there be any incapacity or disability to contract with the owner of such land or real estate, spring, brook, water or watercourse as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials, or with the owner of such lands through which the said City may find it necessary to have a right of entry and passage, for the purpose of conveying the said water into the said City, or if such owner should be absent, out of the State, or unknown, it shall be lawful, on application of the City, for any Justice of the Peace of the county in which said lands, earth or other property or materials as aforesaid are situate, to issue his warrant to the Sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon from the said county a jury of twenty freeholders, inhabitants of said county, not related to the owner or persons interested, as aforesaid, in the said real estate or other property, to meet on the premises which are to be valued, on some certain day to be named in said warrant, of which said warrant and the day therein named for the meeting of the jury, twenty days' notice shall be given previous to such day by the City to every owner or person interested, as aforesaid, or if any owner be an infant or lunatic, or *feme covert*, to his or her guardian or her husband, or in either case left at his or her place of abode, or if out of the State or unknown, such notice shall be published not less than eight weeks successively in some one or more of the daily news-