

its electric power, and duly supply the public as aforesaid with the most approved connections and facilities as aforesaid; and in order to accommodate the public as aforesaid, said Susquehanna Power Company, its successors and assigns, be and it is hereby granted the right to acquire all necessary property of every kind and description whatsoever of any person or of any corporation, public or private, as if expressly named herein, whomsoever and wheresoever situate, for its transmission lines and necessary appurtenances and accessories as aforesaid, in fee simple absolute, or the use thereof in fee simple, at its election, either by purchase or by condemnation, either in the manner set forth in said Act of 1900, chapter 248, or in article 23, sections 360 to 366, or in article 23, sections 324-326 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, at its election, and whichever mode of condemnation be selected by the said corporation, its successors or assigns, sections 360 to 366 of article 23 of said Code may form a part, if deemed by it advisable; provided, however, that there shall be no such right to acquire property belonging to the State of Maryland without the assent of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in consideration of the construction by the said Susquehanna Power Company, its successors or assigns, of a dam or dams in, along or across the said river and its shores, and the canals, railroads, ferries or highways thereon, therealong or leading thereto, and backing the waters of said river, thereby either singly or in series to the elevation to which such dam or dams may be erected, and either with or without the aid of the canals hereinafter mentioned, said Susquehanna Power Company, its successors and assigns, be and it is hereby declared to be also a slack-water navigation company, with all the powers and authorities of the charters of the Tidewater Canal Company and the proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal to the end that in aid of the powers of Congress it may create a safe and practical navigation up and down said river, either upon the bed thereof, by means of said back water or otherwise, or by means of a canal or canals along the margins thereof, or by means of such methods conjointly, either above or below said dam or dams, to the end that real navigation of said river above tidewater in Maryland, heretofore so often unsuccessfully attempted, may now be established, and in addition to its present powers, the said Susquehanna Power Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby vested with the following exclusive powers, liberties, privileges, benefits, franchises and immunities, that is to say: A. To cut, re-cut or enlarge canals along the shores of said river, with dimensions commensurate with the beam,