

city, for the use of said city, and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter, pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey said water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into the said city.

69. Said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to agree with the owner or owners of any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone, or other material which they may conceive expedient or necessary to purchase and hold for the purpose of introducing an additional supply into or improving the present supply of water in the City of Cumberland.

70. If the said Mayor and City Council cannot agree, or if there be any incapacity or disability to contract with the owner or owners of such land, or real estate, spring, brook, water or water course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other material, or with the owner or owners of such land through which they may find it necessary to have a right of way, or entry, or passage for the purpose of conveying the said water into or through the said city, or if such owner or owners shall be absent out of the State, or unknown or without legal capacity to contract, by reason of infancy, coverture or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland to secure by condemnation, any such lands, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course, easement or franchise, earth, timber, stone or other materials which they may deem necessary, in the same manner and by the same proceedings as is now provided for in condemnation by corporations under Article Twenty-three, Section 339, etc., of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland.

71. The said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland are hereby authorized to subscribe for and take stock in any water company, formed under the laws of this State or any other state of the Union, which shall have for its object the furnishing and supplying of water to the City of Cumberland in accordance with the plan voted for by a majority of the votes cast at the election held in 1910. But in case of any subscription to the stock of any such company the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall take all the stock in such water company except such shares as may be necessary to allot to citizens of the