

water rights and other real property, and the improvements thereon, at any time acquired and held by said Company, its lessees, successors and assigns, apart from and in addition to said bridge, the ways and approaches thereto, and appurtenant structures, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for County and State purposes as other real estate is now or may hereafter be taxed by law.

51. The right to sell, assign, transfer and mortgage all or any part of its property, including all or any part of the franchises, rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred by this sub-title or otherwise acquired is hereby granted to said company, and to its successors and assigns; and that any person, partnership, association or corporation to which such property, franchises, rights, powers, privileges and immunities or any thereof may be sold, assigned or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to own said property and to hold, exercise and have such franchises, right, powers, privileges and immunities as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such person, partnership, association or corporation; subject, however, to all the limitations thereof provided by the terms of this sub-title.

52. In addition to its power to acquire said bridge and appurtenant property by condemnation upon payment of just compensation as now provided by statutory and constitutional authority, the State of Maryland shall have the right upon or after the expiration of twenty years from the date of the opening of said bridge to traffic and upon not less than two years' notice in writing from the chairman of the State Roads Commission to the company, its successors or assigns, to take over by purchase, at cost, said bridge together with all other property, rights, and appurtenances owned and held by said company, its successors or assigns then valuable and serviceable in the maintenance and operation of said bridge. Such cost shall be determined by agreement between the State Roads Commission and the said company, its successors or assigns, and in case of failure to agree, by a proceeding in equity to be instituted by the State of Maryland in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County, with the right of either party to appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

53. None of the provisions contained in Sections 153 to 160, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Code of Public Laws of