

make agreements with the proprietors of lands where-
by the water may be used for navigation,

1812.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the president and directors shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to exercise the same powers and to pursue the same measures for acquiring and condemning lands for the purposes aforesaid, on the branches of said river, and under the same restrictions as are given and directed by the fourth, eleventh and thirteenth sections of the act of Assembly passed at November session seventeen hundred and eighty-four, entitled, "An act for establishing a Company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Potomac," relative to the acquiring and condemning lands for erecting locks and making canals on that river. And moreover, that the president and directors of the said company shall have, on the said branches, power to agree with the proprietors of the adjacent lands, as to the manner of erecting dams and conducting the water, so as to answer the purposes of navigation in such places as in the opinion of the said president and directors it may be conveniently done; *Provided nevertheless*, That the privileges and power by this act conferred, shall be construed to extend only to the principal branches or streams emptying into the Potomac, to wit: the Monocacy, Antietam and Conegocheague, leaving the other and smaller ones free and unoperated upon, or bound by this act.

President and directors authorised to exercise certain powers.

2. AND WHEREAS, persons owning land on the said branches may be desirous to improve the same for the purpose of manufacture; the said president and directors are hereby fully authorised and empowered to grant to the said persons the privilege of using the surplus water for said purposes from time to time, as they may be required so to do.

CHAPTER 209.

An act for the relief of Sarah Ellis and her children, of the city of Baltimore.

Passed Jan. 7,
1812.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of John Ellis, James Lowrey Donaldson, and Sarah Ellis, that the said John Ellis, of the city of Baltimore, did, on the sixteenth day of June eighteen hundred and eight, execute a deed of trust to the said James Lowrey Donaldson and Sarah Ellis, thereby conveying a certain house and lot situ-

Preamble.