

of and Jurisdiction Over Land and Buildings", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 5.

Whenever the United States are desirous of purchasing or procuring the title to any tract, piece or parcel of land within the boundaries or limits of this State, for the purpose of erecting thereon any lighthouse, beacon light, range light, light-keeper's dwelling, forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, buoys, public piers, or necessary public buildings or improvements connected therewith, and cannot agree with the owner thereof as to the price and for the purchase thereof; or if the owner be feme covert, under age, non compos mentis, or out of the county wherein the said land lies, or for any other cause is incapable of making a perfect title to said lands, the United States, by any agent authorized under the hand and seal of any member of the President's cabinet, may apply by petition in writing to the circuit court for the county where the land lies [ ]; which petition shall be filed with the clerk of said court,] to have the said land condemned for the use and benefit of the United States; and any such agent of the United States may, for the purpose of ascertaining its bounds and quantity, enter upon the lands, without injury thereto, which the United States may desire to purchase for any of the purposes aforesaid. *The condemnation proceedings hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain".*

## 16.

[Every inquisition shall describe the property taken, and the bounds and quantity of the land condemned, and shall state the valuation thereof; such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner of said property, shall entitle the United States to the land so valued and condemned, for the use and purposes set forth in said petition, as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner thereof to the United States for said use and purposes, with the sanction of the General Assembly of this State; provided, always, that if said valuation be tendered to the party entitled and refused, the United States shall obtain no title to said land until they shall have by their said agent or otherwise brought said tender and refusal to the knowledge of said court; and until said court shall pass an order directing that said valuation, tendered and refused as aforesaid, be paid over to the clerk of said court, to be retained by him, or invested under the order or direction of said court, for the use and benefit of the party entitled, whenever he shall see fit to demand the same, and until the said court shall direct said clerk to pay over the same to him, and said order shall have been complied with by the United States; and the said court may, in its discretion, before ordering any such valuation to be paid over to said clerk require said clerk to enter into an additional bond to the State, with security to be approved by said court, in such penal sum as said court may direct, not exceeding double the amount of such valuations, conditioned that the said clerk will well and faithfully keep all moneys paid over to him as such valuation, and will well and faithfully comply with all the orders of said court in reference thereto; but n] Nothing in this article contained shall authorize the condemnation of more than ten acres of land in any one tract for the use of the United States.