

of a county enacted pursuant thereto shall be [irrepealable so long as any of the bonds issued under the authority of this sub-title for such District shall be outstanding and unpaid, and the provisions of any such contract, and of any ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant thereto shall be and be] deemed to be for the benefit of [such] bondholders. The aggregate of any fees, rates or charges which shall be required to be collected pursuant to any such contract or any ordinance or resolution enacted thereunder shall be sufficient to pay all obligations which may be assumed by the other contracting party.

(13) [The Commission may] *To enter upon and excavate any State, [C] county or municipal street, road or alley, or any other public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water [supply,] and sewerage systems provided for under this sub-title, and [it may] to construct in any such street, road, alley or public highway, a water main, sewer [or drain] or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided, that whenever any State, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified; and provided further, that said highway shall be repaired and left by the [Commission] District in the same condition as, or in a condition not inferior to, that existing before said highway was torn up, and that all costs incident thereto shall be borne by the [Commission] District.*

(14) *To receive and accept from any Federal agency grants for or in aid of the construction, acquisition or operation of any project, and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made.*

(15) *In the event of any annexation by a county not a member of the District of lands, areas, or territory served by the District, to continue to do business, exercise its jurisdiction over its properties and facilities in and, upon or over such lands, areas or territory as long as any bonds or indebtedness of such District remain outstanding or unpaid, or any contracts or other obligations remain in force.*

(16) *To borrow money, in such amount or amounts as the Commission may deem necessary, from any agency or instrumentality of the federal government or of the State of Maryland for the purpose of paying the cost of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues and other expenses, necessary or incident to the organization and planning of any sanitary district or of any project within any sanitary district; provided, however, that any money so borrowed shall be repaid without interest, when the District undertakes or starts the construction of the project for which such borrowing was made, solely from funds made available for such project under the provisions of this sub-title, including the issuance of bonds.*

651. None of the powers granted by this sub-title shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which in whole or in part shall duplicate or compete with existing utilities, public or private, serving substantially the same purposes. The county or counties organizing such a District may, in the resolution or ordinance signifying their intention so to do, or from time to time by subsequent resolution or