

927. Any constable or police officer of said city, upon application of any manager of the "Home of the Friendless," or of his own accord, may carry before any judge of the Orphans' Court for said city, or any justice of the peace, any female child of the description mentioned in the preceding section, to be dealt with as therein provided.

#### WATER.

928. The mayor and city council of Baltimore may, from time to time, contract for, purchase, lease and hold to them and their successors, in fee simple, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water course, and also the right to use and occupy forever or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course which they may conceive expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into the said city, for the use of the said city, and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter or 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 the said water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into said city, and to enact and pass all ordinances from time to time which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

929. The mayor and city council of Baltimore, or any agent by them authorized, may agree with the owner or owners of any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course as aforesaid, earth, timber, stone or other materials which the said mayor and city council may conceive expedient or necessary to purchase and hold for the purpose of introducing water into the said city.

930. If they 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 materials, or with the owner or owners of such lands through which the said mayor and city council may find it necessary to have a right of entry and passage, for the purpose of conveying the said water into the said city, or if such owner or owners shall be absent, out of the State, or unknown, it shall be lawful, on the application of the mayor and city council, for any justice of the peace of the county in