

Corporations.
 &c., empowered
 to sell land
 to any such
 Company.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, corporations aggregate or sole, communities, *grevés de substitution*, guardians, curators, executors, administrators and all other trustees or persons whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femes covert*, or other persons or parties who are or shall be seized, possessed of or interested in any lands or grounds which any such Company may require for the purposes for which they are incorporated, to contract for, sell and convey unto such Company all or any part of such lands or grounds so required by the Company for such purposes; and that all contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances and assurances so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever; any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and that all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or communities, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what he, she or they, or any of them, shall respectively do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act.

Indemnity.

An annual rent
 to be agreed
 for instead of
 a fixed sum in
 certain cases.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any body politic, community, corporation, or other party or parties whomsoever, who cannot in common course of law sell or alienate any lands or grounds so required by the said Company for the purposes of this Act, shall agree upon a fixed annual rent as an equivalent, and not upon a principal sum, to be paid for the lands or grounds so required by such Company for the purposes for which they are incorporated; and in case the amount of such rent shall not be fixed by voluntary agreement or compromise, it shall be fixed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and all proceedings shall in that case be regulated as herein- after prescribed; and for the payment of the said annual rent, and every other annual rent agreed upon or ascertained and to be paid by such Company for the purchase of any lands, or for any part of the purchase money of any land which the vendor shall agree to leave in the hands of such Company, the Road or other work and property of such Company, and the tolls to be levied and collected thereon, shall be, and are hereby made liable and chargeable, in preference to all other claims or demands thereon whatsoever, the deed creating such charge and liability being duly registered.

How secured.

As to lands
 held *par indivis*.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That whenever there shall be more than one party proprietor of any land or property *par indivis*, any agreement made in good faith between such Company and any party or parties proprietor or being together proprietors of one-third or more of such land or property, as to the amount of compensa-