

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 interest in any lands or grounds which the said Company may require for the purposes of this Act, to contract for, sell and convey unto the said Company all or any part of such lands or grounds so required by the said Company for the purposes of this Act; 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.

Compensation
to be an annual
rent in certain
cases.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any body politic, community, corporation, or other person or persons 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 the said Company for the purposes of this Act; 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 hereinafter prescribed; and for the payment of the said annual rent, and every other annual rent agreed upon or ascertained and to be paid by the said Company for the purchase of any lands, or for any part of the purchase money of any land which the vendor