

from other corporations only by the nature of the subjects to which it refers

As members of the Corporation the Inhabitants do not lose their rights as Citizens of the State

The power of this Corporation is to be interpreted with reference to the Common Law

And as to the act, the opening of the Street was lawful in the beginning it by no means follows that the Corporation is not responsible for the injury done by the performance of the act.

The act complained of is not lawful it must have conformed to the Constitution of Maryland, and of the United States to make it lawful it does neither

The right of the Sovereign to take private property for public use, is an incident of Sovereign power, with of delegated authority yet that right cannot be exercised but upon the ground of indemnity. Nor they claim for the Corporation absolute independence in this case - Suppose ~~public~~ houses were ordered to be pulled down by a public Law would that be constitutional? No. Chancery would not redress until compensation should be made by public authority. The wrong here is not *damnum absque injuria* -

Comper Reps 27