have entered upon the occupation of a new building, at the corner of St. Paul street and Bank lane in the City of Baltimore, intended to be used in part as a Telephone Exchange; and

Preamble. Whereas, Such Telephone Exchange will, in said location, necessarily require, if the overhead system of wires is wholly continued, a large and increasing number of such overhead wires along the length of the streets and other public ways leading to said building; and

Preamble. Whereas, Such concentration of overhead wires at a point so central as the location of said building is not desirable, and it would be to the public advantage that such wires should be laid as far as practicable in cables underground; therefore,

Authority to lay wires in cables in suitable conduits. Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the said The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, and the said The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, acting separately, or in conjunction, be and they are hereby respectively authorized to lay their or their respective telephone wires intended to be used in connection with the Telephone Exchange to be established in the building belonging to The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, at the corner of St. Paul street and Bank lane, in the City of Baltimore, in cables, laid in suitable conduits under the surface of the streets, alleys or highways in said city, now traversed, or to be

so traversed by their said respective wires, with the necessary man-holes for affording access to said cables. Such conduits and man-holes shall be constructed in such manner as not to injure any vault, sewer, water-pipe or gas-pipe, and such conduits and man-holes shall be constructed by either or both of said companies as parts of one system at their, or their respective cost and expense, and said companies so acting separately or jointly in constructing said system of underground wires shall have power to make the necessary house connections in localities where the same may be required, in such manner as may be best adapted to the location by means of any wire or wires from such cable or cables; provided, however, that the said two companies, if acting together, shall have and possess the powers and privileges only which might have been exercised by one of said companies if acting alone under this ordinance.

How conduits and man-holes are to be constructed.

Power to make necessary house connections.

Proviso.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted and ordained, That nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to grant unto either, or both of said Telephone Companies the exclusive right to lay underground wire cables within the limits of the City of Baltimore, and that the rights granted by this ordinance shall cease and determine, unless three miles of the underground conduits provided for by this ordinance are constructed within two years from the date of its approval, and after said two years, and as rapidly as said conduits may be constructed, and said cables are laid therein,

Conduits to be constructed within two years of the date hereof.