

agents of the United States cannot agree with such owner as to the value of such lots or parcels of land, or in case such owner shall be a minor, or non compos mentis, or a femme covert, or non-resident of Anne Arundel county, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for Anne Arundel county or Annapolis, upon application to him made in the behalf of the United States, to issue his warrant directed to the sheriff of Anne Arundel county, authorizing and requiring him to summon twenty disinterested persons, not related to or connected with any owner or owners of such property and having the qualifications of jurors, to meet at or near the property on a day to be appointed by the sheriff, after not less than ten or more than twenty days notice to the owner or owners, their guardians or committee, as the case may be, and in case of the non-residence of the owner or owners by like notice in some newspaper published in the city of Annapolis, and if any of the persons summoned shall not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many other jurors as shall be necessary with those in attendance to furnish a panel of twenty in attendance, and from the panel each party may strike four, and if eight be not struck, the sheriff may strike as many with those struck by the parties as will make eight, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages, who, before they act as such, shall severally take an oath or affirmation to be administered by the sheriff, that he will honestly and impartially value and assess the damages sustained by said owner or owners by the use, occupation, and condemnation of such property for the extension of the said Academy grounds; the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same; and the sheriff shall make return thereof with the warrant to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, to be filed in his office, and it shall be confirmed by said Court, at its next session if no sufficient cause be shown to the contrary, and recorded; if the same be set aside the said Court shall direct another inquisition to be taken under the same warrant in the manner prescribed by this Act, and the inquisition shall describe the property by metes and bounds, with the quantity or duration of interest

Sheriff required to summon Jury, &c.

Jury required to take oath.

Inquisition to be reduced to writing, &c.