

directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, of legal age, not related to the parties or in anywise interested, and from such panel of twenty jurors, each party or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for him shall strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages, to meet on the land or near the property to be valued, on a day to be named in the warrants, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same; and the sheriff shall, before the jury shall proceed to act, administer an oath to each that he will justly and impartially value the damages the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of the property for the uses hereinbefore mentioned. The jury, in estimating the damages, shall take into consideration the benefits resulting to the owner from the opening and laying out of the streets and alleys, through, along or near to the property of said owner; and the jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, and shall be confirmed by the said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of said Commissioners, and if said inquisition shall be set aside by the Circuit Court of Calvert County, the said court may direct another to be taken in the same manner as the first. Every inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or extent of the interest therein taken and valued, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property taken, or his legal representatives, shall entitle the Commissioners to the estate, use and interest in the same so valued for the purposes aforesaid, as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner or his legal representatives.

21. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners shall have the power to pass ordinances regulating the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect steps, porticos, bow-windows or other architectural ornaments to houses fronting on any part of said streets; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to regulate in what part of said town buildings of wood may not be erected; to regulate the manner in which public halls, churches, school-houses or places of amusement shall be constructed, and to fix the penalty for violation thereof.

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