

Having reached a decision, the sheriff and the jurors shall sign and seal the inquisition, and the sheriff shall make a report of his proceedings to the Commissioners, and with the said report he shall return the inquisition to them, and they shall have it recorded among the Land Records in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, and the said condemnation upon the tender or payment to the owner of the land condemned, or to his legal guardian, if an infant, or to his committee or trustee, if a *non compos mentis* or lunatic, and his legal costs shall vest the legal title in fee to the property condemned in the Commissioners of Cambridge. But if before issuing the warrant the Commissioners made an offer and tender in writing to the owner of the land condemned of any sum to be paid as the price which they were willing to pay therefor, or if the owner was an infant or a *non compos mentis* or lunatic, then if such offer or tender was made to the legal guardian of the infant, or to the committee of the *non compos mentis* or lunatic, and if the damages assessed by the inquisition does not exceed in amount the sum which the Commissioners tendered in writing to the owner, or if an infant, to his guardian, or if *non compos mentis* or a lunatic, to his committee or trustee, then the payment or tender of the damages assessed in the inquisition as aforesaid, less the entire costs of the Commissioners, shall likewise vest the property in the Commissioners.

Shall sign and seal the inquisition and report to the Commissioners

Manner of settlement.

Seventh. In his report to the Commissioners concerning the proceedings the sheriff shall set forth the names of the owners or persons interested in the property summoned by himself, and the names of the owners or persons interested summoned by the sheriff of any other county at his direction, and the names of any non-residents, and to state whether they were notified by summons or order of publication, and his statement in such report shall be entitled to the same credence and have the same force and effect as the returns made by a sheriff to process in the Circuit Courts. The records of proceedings to be delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, to be recorded, shall consist of the warrant to the sheriff, the inquisition, and the report of the sheriff, and an affidavit of the Mayor, or of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, made before a justice of the peace, that the damages awarded to the owners or persons interested in the property have been paid or been tendered, or have been paid into the Circuit Court for distribution, a copy of said record shall be receivable in any of the courts of the State or before any justice of the peace thereof, to show the title in fee of the Commissioners of

Sheriff shall make statement of proceedings to Commissioners

Damages awarded.