

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Distribution
of fund.

Cambridge to said property. If there be liens bearing on the property condemned, the condemnation shall free the same of such liens, and the lienors shall resort to the funds. In any case, the Commissioners shall see to it that the damages awarded by the jury are duly distributed, and to this end the Commissioners may make a distribution of such fund, or they may pay the fund into the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, sitting as a court of equity, and by petition pray said court to distribute the fund, and the said court shall have jurisdiction for making such distribution, and by its order may provide therefor, and upon the payment of the fund into said court the Commissioners shall be discharged from all further duty and responsibility in regard thereto. The sheriff shall deliver to the Commissioners not only the papers that are to be embraced in the records, but also the summonses, copies of order of publication, and any papers that may be filed with the sheriff in the course of the proceedings, to be preserved by the same until the time for taking an appeal has passed.

Owners may
appeal.
Take an appeal
by giving
bond, etc.

Eighth. The Commissioners or the owners and persons interested in the property, if aggrieved by the determination of the jury set forth in the inquisition, may take an appeal to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, upon giving a bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of five hundred dollars, with sureties, approved by the clerk of said court, conditioned for the prosecution of said appeal, with effect and for the payment of the costs of the appeal in case the court should adjudge the payment thereof by the appellants. Upon the taking of the appeal the Commissioners shall transmit all the papers in the case to the clerk of said court, and he shall docket a case in the civil appeal docket of the next term thereof, and the case shall stand for trial at the same, and shall be tried *do novo*. Under an agreement in writing, signed by the parties or their counsel, the case may be submitted to the court without the intervention of a jury, and the court shall have full power and authority to perform all the functions of a jury. In the absence of such agreement the court shall order the sheriff to summon twenty male residents of the said town, over twenty-five years old, and not interested directly or indirectly in the property to be condemned, and not related by blood or marriage to any of the parties or persons owning said property.

Parties may
challenge
jury.

Either party to the appeal may challenge any of the twenty jurors as not qualified to act, as above mentioned; and if any juror challenged shall be held disqualified, another person shall be summoned in his place. If no challenge is made or any challenge made has been disposed of, a panel of twelve