

agents and officers, and to take such bonds from them for the faithful performance of their duties as may be deemed necessary.

Issue war-
rant.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said Company shall not be able to agree with the owner or owners of any land or water rights required for the purposes aforesaid, or in case the owner or owners as aforesaid shall be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or absent, on application to a Justice of the Peace for Worcester County, he shall issue his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to the Sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty disinterested and competent men, inhabitants of Worcester County, to meet on the land, or at the water to be valued, on a day that shall be named in said warrant, not less than ten and not more than thirty days after issuing the same; and in case any of the said jurors do not attend, the Sheriff shall instanter summon as jurors as may be necessary with those in attendance to furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, his, her or their agent, guardian or trustee, and if either be not present in person, or by agent, guardian or trustee, as the case may be, the Sheriff shall strike off four jurors for each of the absent parties, or for either of the parties failing to act, and the remaining twelve shall constitute the jury; and the Sheriff shall qualify the said twelve jurors either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially, to estimate the value of the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land or water right required, and the said jury in estimating the damages supposed to be sustained by the said owner or owners, shall take into the estimate the benefit resulting to said owner or owners, but only in lessening or extinguishing the claim for damages, and the said jury shall reduce their verdict to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Worcester County, and if no good or sufficient reason shall be shown against said verdict, it shall be confirmed by said Court at the next term succeeding the returns of said verdict, but if the said verdict shall be set aside by said Court, the said Court shall then direct another inquisition to be held in the

Summons
jurors.

Verdict.