

the petition therefor, and the person seized of such elder tract shall have neglected to apply and obtain a commission.

5. Any person entitled to lands as mentioned in the preceding sections, and intending to apply for a commission to mark and bound the same, shall give notice two months before the meeting of the court at which he intends to make his application, by advertisement set up at the court house door of the county, and at two other public places in the district where such lands lie, of his intention to apply to the court for a commission to mark and bound his land, named or otherwise described in such advertisement; and also give notice in writing to the persons holding the adjoining lands, if residing thereon, or if absent, leaving such notice at the houses of such persons thirty days before the meeting of the court as aforesaid; and if no person lives on the adjoining land, he shall give such notice by advertisement for four successive weeks in some newspaper printed in the city of Baltimore, and also give personal notice to the owner of the adjoining land or to his agent or attorney, if known and in the State, thirty days before the meeting of the court as aforesaid.

6. Upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the court that such advertisements were duly set up and notice given as aforesaid, or upon the persons interested appearing, the court may issue a commission to any five or three persons, agreed on by all parties, empowering them, or a majority of them, to mark and bound the land mentioned in such commission; but if the persons interested, or any of them, shall not agree on the persons for commissioners, the court shall appoint three or five persons skilled in land affairs, not interested in the lands nor related to either of the parties, to whom a commission shall issue as aforesaid.

7. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall give notice of the time and purpose of their meeting by advertisements to be set up at the door of the court house of their county, and such other public places as they may judge most effectual, thirty days at least before such meeting.

8. Each commissioner shall, before he proceeds in the execution of the commission otherwise than by giving such notice and issuing summonses for witnesses as herein provided, take an oath before a justice of the peace, or some other of the commissioners, that he will settle and adjust the location of the land mentioned