

642. If such owner, guardian, trustee, committee or husband reside out of the State, or is unknown, such notice shall be published not less than eight weeks successively in some one or more of the daily newspapers of said city.

643. The owner of such property, or the guardian, trustee, committee or husband of the owner may, from the list of jurors returned by the sheriff, strike four, and the mayor and city council four, so that the number of jurors may be reduced to twelve, and if either party neglect or fail to strike off the names of jurors, the sheriff or his deputy shall strike for the party so failing or refusing.

644. The sheriff or his deputy shall, before the said jury proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath justly and impartially to value the damages which the owners or parties holding an interest in the property to be condemned will sustain, by the use and occupation thereof by the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

645. The jury so qualified shall inquire into, assess and ascertain the sum or sums of money to be paid by the mayor and city council for the land or other property to be condemned, having regard to all the circumstances of damage or benefit to result to such owner or party interested therein.

646. 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 Superior Court of said city, and be by such clerk filed in his office, and shall be confirmed by said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by the said clerk at the expense of the mayor and city council.

647. If said inquisition be set aside by the court, the said court shall direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner hereinafter directed.

648. Every such inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same valued to the mayor and city council, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of said property, or his or their legal representatives, shall entitle the mayor and city council to the full, legal and