

131. The sheriff shall, before the said jury shall proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of the property required by the said corporation.

132. The jury shall summon such witnesses as the parties may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the value of the property to be condemned, and they shall reduce the testimony, if any is taken by them, to writing, and after the testimony is closed, and without any unnecessary delay, and before proceeding to the examination of any other claim, they shall ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made by the said corporation to the party owning or being interested in the property to be condemned.

133. 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 Circuit Court for Frederick county, and shall be filed by the said clerk in said court.

134. The said inquisition shall be confirmed by the said court, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of the corporation.

135. If the said inquisition be set aside, the said court may direct another inquisition in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

136. Every such inquisition shall describe the property taken, and the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same condemned for the corporation, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner of said property, or his attorney, shall entitle said corporation to the estate and property so valued, as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner thereof.

137. The proceeds of the lottery heretofore granted to the mayor, aldermen and common council, for the purpose of introducing water into Frederick, and the net rent or tolls of said water, are pledged and appropriated for the payment of the interest and the reimbursement of the principal of the debt that may now exist or hereafter be incurred by the city of Frederick on account of said water works, and the said rent and toll shall be maintained at the present rates, until the said debt is paid; and the mayor, aldermen and common council may from time to