

may be wanted, application may be made to any Justice of the Peace of this State, in an for such county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of such county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty of the inhabitants of said county, who are land-owners, not related to the parties, or in any wise interested, to meet on the land, or near the earth, or other property wanted, on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the same, and if at said time and place any of said jurors do not attend, the said Sheriff shall immediately summon as many persons similarly qualified as, together with those in attendance, will furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, his, her or their agent or attorney may strike off four persons, and in the event of the absence or refusal of either party to strike, the Sheriff shall strike four persons for said party, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages, and to each of said twelve before he acts as juror, the Sheriff shall administer an oath, or affirmation, that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of the same by said Company, and the benefits to accrue therefrom as a set off to the damages that may be adjudged by them; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for his county, and be filed by the said Clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by the said Court at its next session or term, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said Clerk at the expense of the said Company; but if the same be set aside, the said Court shall direct that another inquisition shall be taken in the manner above described; and the inquisition shall in all cases describe the property taken, or the bounds of the lands condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same, valued for the Company, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the land or other property, his, her or their legal representatives, shall entitle the said Company to the estate and interest

Summon jury.

Additional jury.

Value damages.

Inquisition.