

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, 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 for Wicomico County, and if no good or sufficient reason shall be shown against said verdict it shall be confirmed by the 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 manner before described and when the verdict is confirmed and the valuation paid, or tendered to the owner, or owners, or their agents, or representatives, or paid into the said Court, the said Company shall be entitled to the estate and interest therein as fully as if conveyed by the owner, or owners, and the said verdict shall be recorded among the land records of Wicomico County at the expense of the Company, and whenever it becomes necessary to hold an inquisition as herein provided on any lands, or water rights, as aforesaid, the said Company may enter upon, occupy, and use the same immediately after the same shall have been viewed by said jury.

Qualify by
oath.

Sheriff to
make return to
clerk of court.

Payment ten-
dered.

Inquisition.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the opening and deepening of said channel, the erection, building, and equipping of wharves, machinery, or vessels, or for any purposes of this Act, the said Company