

of the parties failing to act, and the remaining twelve shall constitute the jury, and the sheriff shall qualify the twelve jurors either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially, to estimate the value of said land or water rights, and the damages supposed to be sustained by said owner or owners of the land or water rights required; and the said jury, in estimating the damages sustained by the owner or owners, shall take into the estimate the benefits resulting to the said owner or owners, but only in lessening or extinguishing the claim to 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 Queen Anne's County, and if no good and sufficient reason shall be shown against said verdict, it shall be confirmed by said Court at the term next succeeding the return of said verdict; but if the said verdict shall be set aside by the 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, their agents or representatives, or paid into the said Court, the said Company shall be entitled to the interest and estate in the same as fully as if conveyed by the owner or owners, and the said verdict shall be recorded among the land records of Queen Anne's County at the expense of the Company.

Take oath.

Verdict in writing.

Tender payment.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the present bridge or causeway over the said narrows shall not be removed, demolished or interfered with so as to hinder, delay or impede travel over the same until said new bridge is completed and ready for use, or in case the said Company shall desire to use the site and material of the present bridge or causeway until the Company shall give to the County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County satisfactory and ample security by bond, or otherwise, in the option of the said Commissioners, of the ability and readiness of said Company to build and complete said bridge in some short time, and that said bridge shall be erected and completed in the time named, and in the meantime to provide safe and ample conveyance for all passengers, vehicles, &c., across said narrows.

Not interfere with present bridge.