

age of twenty-one years, not related to either of the parties or in anywise interested, to meet on the lands, or near the materials or other property wanted, on a day named in said warrant, not less than five nor more than twenty days after issuing the same, and if at the same time and place, any of the jurors summoned do not attend, or shall not be qualified, the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many qualified persons as, together with the other properly qualified persons in attendance, will furnish a panel of twenty jurors in attendance, and from the panel each party, his, her, its or their agent or attorney, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, or being present, in person or by agent, refuse to strike, the Sheriff for him, her, it or them, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of inquest of damages, and to each, before he acts as such juror, the Sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the land, materials or other property to be taken, and all other damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use and occupation of the interest and property required by the said company, and also the benefits and advantages, if any, to accrue to the owner or owners, by the construction of the said road, as a set-off to the said damages, only in extinguishment of the claim for damages, other than and beyond the actual value of the land or other property to be taken, and after having made a fair and just offset, in manner aforesaid, of the advantages and disadvantages arising from the construction of the railroad, they shall estimate what amount of damages has been or may be sustained by the owner or owners respectively, and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said Sheriff to the Clerk of Superior Court of Baltimore city, or to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the land or other property may lie, as the case may be, and shall be filed by such clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by the Court at its next term or session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be

Duty of Sheriff.

Sheriff to strike for absentees.

Benefits and advantages.

Set-off to damages.

Estimate damages.

Confirmed.