

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

owner or owners, but only in extinguishment of the claim for damages, and the jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by said sheriff to the clerk of his county, and by such clerk filed in his court, and shall be confirmed by the court at its next session, 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 set aside the court may direct another inquisition to be taken, in the manner above prescribed, and such inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same valued for the company, and when such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of said property, or his, her or their legal representatives, shall entitle the company to the immediate occupation of the estate and interest in the same thus valued as fully as if it had been conveyed by the owner or owners of the same, and the valuation, if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received from the company without costs by the said owner or owners, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives.

Company to  
occupy land.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, by any means whatsoever, injure, impair, destroy any part of said railroad or its rights or privileges constructed or owned by said company under this Act, or any of their necessary works, buildings, carriages, vehicles or machinery, such person or persons so offending shall each of them for every such offense forfeit and pay to said company the sum of five hundred dollars, which may be recovered in the name of said company by an action of debt in the county court wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment in said court, and upon conviction of said offense, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Pertaining to  
destroying  
of property.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That when organized the said company and the president and board of directors of the same shall have all the powers, rights and privileges granted by this Act, and shall be subject to all its regulations in constructing and repairing any of the said railroad and branches, or other necessary works, buildings or industries which may or can be constructed within the limits of the State of Maryland, and in transporting persons, goods, merchandise or property of any description along said railroad and its branches, and that the provisions of this Act shall be wholly in force as to all the

Company sub-  
ject to regula-  
tions of this  
Act.