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tions of the adjacent country, roads, and streams of water, as they shall deem necessary to a clear understanding of the case, and shall cause a plot of the same to be made out, with suitable explanations, and shall return the same, together with a full report of their proceedings, under their hands, to the said commissioners, together with the reasons whereon their opinion is founded.

Oath to be taken by examiner.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said examiners before they shall proceed to execute such commission, shall take an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before a justice of the peace of the county aforesaid, to be by him certified upon the said commission, that they will execute the said commission truly and faithfully, and without the influence of fear, favour, affection or partiality.

To give notice

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said examiners, or a majority of them, before they proceed to execute such commission, shall give four weeks public notice thereof to all persons concerned, by advertisement, describing the road proposed to be opened, straightened, altered or shut up, and appointing the day of meeting upon the premises as aforesaid, which advertisement shall be published for four successive weeks in all the newspapers printed in said county.

May ascertain damages.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said examiners, or a majority of them, shall value and ascertain the damages that may be sustained by the owner or owners respectively of the land through which such road as opened, straightened or altered, may pass, and that in assessing such damages they shall consider as well the advantage and benefit, as the loss and injury to be occasioned thereby, to each person; and the said examiners shall in their return specify the several sums of money (if any,) by them estimated as the damages or compensation proper to be allowed to each of the owners of such land, and shall also specify the quantity of land belonging to them respectively to be occupied by such road.

Day of final hearing.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That after the return shall be made as aforesaid, by the examiners, the commissioners shall appoint a day for final hearing, being not less than three months from and after that whereon such return shall be made, whereof publication shall be made in at least two newspapers published in said county for four successive weeks, warning all persons interested to appear before the said commissioners, to shew cause why the return of the examiners should not be ratified and confirmed.

May reject or confirm return of examiners.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That upon hearing the parties, and the testimony which may be adduced, the said commissioners may adjourn or postpone the case from time