

rated under the laws of this State and located in Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the Appeal Tax Court to make such abatement of taxes, levied as aforesaid, as may be authorized and directed by ordinance, as aforesaid; provided that application for such abatement as aforesaid shall be made by the party applying for the same before the annual revision and correction of the tax lists for the year in which said applicant desires such abatement, but it shall not be necessary for the applicant to renew his application from year to year. Said application shall be verified to the satisfaction of said Court by the oath of the party applying for the same or other satisfactory evidence. Said court shall further keep a record of all abatements made by it as aforesaid and report in writing the aggregate amount thereof to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore on or before the fifteenth day of October in each year.

(I) *Duty of Court.*

Within ten days after the return of said inquisition to said court, exceptions may be filed, in writing, by any party interested, showing cause why said inquisition should not be confirmed. If said exceptions be filed, the court shall cause the whole matter to be tried de novo before a jury to be selected and impaneled as juries in ordinary cases at law, and the trial shall be governed by the same rules as to the admission of evidence and instructions to the jury as apply in ordinary law cases. Upon request of any party to the proceedings, or any juror, the jury may be sent to view the premises, under such regulations as the court may, by general rule or special order, provide. From any decision on matter of law made by said court, during such trial, an appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals, provided, that such appeal be taken within ten days after such decision shall be made, and the Court of Appeals may award costs to either party in its discretion.

13. Nothing contained in this article shall prevent the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, from, in any manner, disposing of any building or parcel of land no longer needed for public use; provided, that such disposition shall be authorized and provided for by ordinance, and shall be approved by the Commissioners of Finance by their uniting in the conveyance thereof, and shall be made at public sale, unless a private sale be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and so entered on their minutes; nor from renting for fixed and limited terms any of its property not needed for public purposes, on approval of the Commissioners of Finance.