

directed to the sheriff, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not related to the parties or in anywise interested, to meet on the land or near to the property to be valued, on a day to be named in the warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 237. 1882, ch. 212.

342. If, at the said time and place, any of the jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff, for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 238. 1882, ch. 212.

343. Before the jury proceed to act the sheriff shall administer to each juror an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of his property for the uses hereinbefore named.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 239. 1882, ch. 212.

344. The jury in estimating the damages shall take into account the benefit resulting to the owner from opening and laying out said streets, lanes or alleys, through, along or near to the property of said owner, but only in extinguishment of the claim for damages; and they shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same; and it shall then be returned by the sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, and shall be confirmed by the said 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 said Commissioners.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 240. 1882, ch. 212.

345. If said inquisition be set aside by the Circuit Court for Cecil County, the said court may direct another to be taken in the same manner as the first.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 241. 1882, ch. 212.

346. Every inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest of the same therein valued; and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner of the property, or his legal representatives, shall entitle the said Commissioners to the estate, use and interest in the same so valued, for the purposes aforesaid, as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner; and said valuation when tendered by said Commissioners may at any time thereafter be received without costs by the owner or his legal representatives.