

present in person or by agent, or being present in person or by agent, refuse to strike, the said Sheriff for him, her 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 juror, the said Sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the damage which the owner or owners will sustain by the use and occupation of the property required by the Mayor and City Council, and assess the benefits to be derived by the owner thereof from the proposed improvement, and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same; and it then shall be returned by the said Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County, and to be filed by said Clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by said Court if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within thirty days after the time of filing the same, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said Clerk at the expense of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace; but if the same be set aside, the said Court shall direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above described; and in case the second or any other inquisition which is confirmed by the Court shall not award to the land owner a larger amount of damages than was awarded by the first inquisition, the Court may, in its discretion, order the costs of the second or other inquisitions to be paid by the owner or owners of said land or materials condemned; and the inquisition shall in all cases describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quality or duration of the interest in the same, and the valuation the jury have put upon it, and the valuation the jury have put upon the benefit which the owner of the condemned land will derive from the proposed improvement, and the valuation of the land, less the valuation of the benefits, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property, his, her, or their legal representatives, shall entitle the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace to the estate and interest in the same thus valued as if it had been legally conveyed by the owner or owners of the same, and the valuation, if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received without cost from the Mayor and City Council by the owner or owners, his, her, or their legal representatives, and the said valuation and costs and other expenses of said condemnation shall be paid from the Treasury of the City, and the said Sheriff shall keep said jury together for a reasonable time until they shall agree upon and sign and seal said inquisition; and in case it shall so happen that the jury cannot agree after being kept together as aforesaid, the said Sheriff may, in his discretion, discharge the said jury, and without further warrant from a Justice of the Peace shall within five days thereafter summon another jury of twenty inhabitants, as aforesaid, not upon the former jury; and the said proceedings shall be had in all respects, as hereinbefore provided, and in case of a second or other disagreement of the jury, the same proceedings shall be had until a verdict of inquisition shall be made and returned as aforesaid.