

county, but if set aside, or if the jury fail to agree after having been kept together a reasonable time, in the judgment of the Sheriff, and be discharged, then the Sheriff, at the instance of said corporation, without further warrant, shall summon another jury of twenty inhabitants as aforesaid, and the same proceedings shall be had as hereinbefore provided, and so on until the verdict or inquisition shall be confirmed by the Court; the expenses of the inquisition and return including a per diem of one dollar and fifty cents to each juror shall be paid by the corporation; the inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quality or duration of the interest, the amount of damages awarded and benefits deducted, if any, in the same valued for the corporation; and such valuation, after deducting benefits when paid, or tendered to the owner of said property or the party entitled to the same, or paid into Court, after the confirmation of said inquisition shall entitle the corporation to the estate and interest in the same thus valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed by the owner of the same; and the valuation if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received from said corporation, but without interest; the same proceedings may be had by said corporation for assessing benefits to property owners on the line or lines of such streets, lanes or alleys, or parts thereof opened, extended, straightened or widened as herein provided, and the inquisition of the jury when confirmed shall be a lien for the amount thereof on the respective properties so benefited, and the payment thereof enforced by execution issued out of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, as in cases of judgments in said court; the oath to be administered by the Sheriff in such cases shall be, to faithfully and impartially assess such benefits as may accrue to said property owners by the opening, extending, straightening or widening of such streets, lanes, alleys or parts of the same.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 2, sec. 39. 1914 Code, sec. 42.

**27.** The Mayor may take the acknowledgment of any deed or instrument of writing required to be acknowledged, and receive therefor the sum of fifty cents; all by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation shall be signed by the Mayor; during the first ten days in the month of January of each and every year, he shall cause to be prepared and printed for the information of the citizens, a statement of the finances of the said corporation; he may call upon any officer of the city, entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his accounts as often as he may deem it necessary; and he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 2, sec. 40. 1914 Code, sec. 43.

**28.** The Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen may repair any private wharves belonging to persons who shall refuse, after two months' notice, to repair the same, and they may receive the wharfage of such wharves until such repairs are paid for, or until the owners thereof shall pay the same.