

173. The jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said sheriff to the clerk of the circuit court of his county, or the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, as the case may be; and if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, the said inquisition shall thereupon be confirmed by the said court, at such time and after such notice as shall be fixed by its rules, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of said corporation; but if set aside, or if the jury shall fail to agree, the said court may direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed, and like proceedings may be had until an inquisition in reference to said condemnation shall be confirmed.

Inquisition.

Confirmation
by court.

174. Every such inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of interest in the same valued for the corporation, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner of said property, or his legal representative, after confirmation thereof, or when the same shall be paid into court under such regulations as the court by which the said inquisition shall have been confirmed shall prescribe, shall entitle the said company 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 hereafter be received from said corporation without costs, by the said owner or his legal representatives, and all fees or *per diem* to which any sheriff, clerk, juror, or other officer, shall be entitled, for any service required of him under the aforesaid proceedings for condemnation, shall be paid by the corporation causing the same to be instituted.

Description
of property.

Valuation.

Costs.

175. Nothing herein contained shall authorize any incorporated company to take or use private property without just compensation, as agreed upon with the owner, or awarded by a jury, having been first paid or tendered to the parties entitled thereto, or paid into a court, after inquisition confirmed, as provided for in the

Compensation
for private
property.