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missioners shall issue their warrant to the sheriff to summon a jury of twenty persons, who have no pecuniary interest in the property to be condemned, residents of the town, who have resided therein twelve months prior to being summoned, and from the panel of jurors each party (the commissioners and owner or owners of the property to be condemned,) his, her or their agent or attorney, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, or being present in person or by agent, refuse to strike, the sheriff for him, her, it or them, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as such jury, and they shall meet on the premises on a day fixed by the sheriff, and within ten days from the date of the warrant of the commissioners, of which day of meeting the owner shall have notice from the sheriff, and having been sworn by the sheriff, without partiality or prejudice, to value the land and damages sustained by the owner, by means of such condemnation, according to the best of their skill and judgment, shall proceed to make such valuation.

Ibid s 12.
How damages
estimated

238. The jury, in estimating the damages, shall take into consideration the value of the property condemned, the injury to other property, and the benefits to be derived from the improvement. The sheriff shall return the inquisition under his hand and seal, and the hands and seals of the jury, to the commissioners, to be recorded among the land records of Prince George's county; and the said condemnation shall, upon payment or tender to the owner of the land condemned of the damages assessed by the inquisition, vest the property condemned in the commissioners, but said property shall be in no way disturbed until the damages assessed shall be paid or tendered.

Tender of pay-
ment.

Ibid. s. 13.
How first elec-
tion to be held.

239. The justices of the peace for the time being holding office in said town, shall act as judges of the first election to be held under this act, who shall keep the polls open in the evening, at such place as they may select within said town, from three o'clock until six, and shall, within twenty-four hours after closing