1868, ch. 471, sec. 131.

226. The sheriff shall make return of the inquisition so found, to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or the superior court of Baltimore city, who shall file the same and lay it before the said court at its next session; and such inquisition shall be confirmed by said court, unless good cause be shown to the contrary; and when confirmed, shall be recorded by the clerk, at the expense of the corporation; but if set aside, the said court may direct another inqusition to be taken in the manner above prescribed. The valuation of such loss or damage, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property, or his, her or their legal representatives, shall entitle the said corporation to the easement thus valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed to the said corporation by the owner or owners of the same; and the valuation, if not received when tendered, may, at any time thereafter, be received from the company without costs, by the said owner or owners, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives.

Ibid. sec. 132. 1882, ch. 230.

227. Any such corporation formed as aforesaid may, with the consent of the majority of the owners of the capital stock of such corporation, given in general meeting, extend their lines of telegraph into any other State, or may construct branch lines in this State or any other State, or may lease, sell or convey its property, rights, privileges and franchises, or any interest therein, or any part thereof, to any telegraph company organized under or created by the laws of this or any other State; and may acquire by lease, purchase or conveyance, the property, rights, privileges and franchises, or any interest therein, or any part thereof, of any telegraph company organized under or created by the laws of this or any other State, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective companies; or may consolidate with any other telegraph company or incorporation of this or any other State, under such name and with such capital stock, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such companies or corporations; and whenever such consolidation as aforesaid is made, a certificate of the same, and of the particulars thereof, shall be executed and acknowledged by the presidents or other principal officers of said corporations so consolidating;