

the case may be, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county or city, as the case may be, not related to said owner, or in anywise interested in said land, and not stockholders in said corporation, to meet on the land or near the other property or materials to be valued and condemned, on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten, nor more than twenty days after issuing the same.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 171.

**249.** If at said time and place any jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make twenty jurors, and from them each party, or its, his, her or their agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, her, it or them, may strike off four jurors, and from those remaining on the list, the sheriff shall select twelve to act as the jury of inquest of damages.

Ibid. sec. 172.

**250.** The sheriff shall, before they proceed to act as such, administer to each of said jury an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by reason of the occupation of the said land or materials required by the occupation, and find whether or not the condemnation of such land or materials is necessary and proper for the use of such corporation, for the due exercise and enjoyment of its corporate privileges.

Ibid. sec. 173.

**251.** 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 for 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