

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 Baltimore city, to be filed in his court for confirmation by said court at its next term, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when returned shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of said mayor and city council; but if set aside, the court may direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed, and such inquisition shall describe the land taken and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same, valued for said mayor and city council, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner of said land, or his or her legal representatives, shall entitle the said mayor and city council to the estate or interest so valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed by the owner thereof; and the valuation, if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received from the said mayor and city council by the said owner.

1870, ch. 68.

**711.** The said park commissioners are authorized to enlarge the streets and avenues around and leading to said parks, and in the event of failing to agree with the owner of any property required for that purpose, or of any interest therein for the purchase thereof, or if the owner be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or be residing out of Baltimore city, the said commissioners are authorized to condemn the same in the manner specified in the foregoing section, the oath to each juror being that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the enlarging of the particular street or avenue, as the case may be.

1876, ch. 344.

**712.** In addition to the powers heretofore conferred upon the public park commission of the city of Baltimore, they are authorized to form a zoological collection within the limits of Druid Hill park, by the purchase and collection of living, wild, and other animals, for the purpose of public exhibition for the instruction and recreation of the people, with power to make contracts in regard thereto. and shall be capable at law of holding and at