

to ascertain the fact or facts stated in said petition to be unknown by him, and has failed to ascertain them.

1888, art. 96, sec. 8. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 4.

8. Upon the said petition, verified as aforesaid, being, filed in the office of said clerk, it shall be the duty of said clerk to give notice of the substance and object of said petition by printed notice, to be published once a week for three months in some newspaper printed in the city of Baltimore, and also by like notice, to be published as aforesaid, in one newspaper printed and published in the county where the land lies, if any newspaper be so printed and published; such notice shall contain an accurate description of the land to which the United States desire to obtain title, and shall state the names of the owners or supposed owners thereof, and the place or supposed places of their residence, or that said places are unknown, and whether said owners or any of them are *feme covert*, under age, or *non compos mentis*, if such facts are known to the agent filing such petition, and the public uses to which the United States desire to put the said land, and shall require all persons interested in the said land to come forward on a day to be specified in said notice, and file their objections, if any they have, to the proposed condemnation of said land.

Ibid. sec. 9. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 5.

9. At the time specified in said notice, or at the earliest convenient day thereafter, it shall be the duty of the said court to proceed to hear and determine upon said petition, and the objections, if any, filed against the proposed condemnation; and the said court may order such witnesses to be summoned, and hear such evidence as may be produced before it by the respective parties, to show the necessity or impropriety of the proposed condemnation; and if the said court shall determine that condemnation of the said lands or other real property ought not to be had, it shall dismiss said petition, at the cost of the United States; but if it shall determine that condemnation of the land in said petition described ought to be had by the United States, it shall pass an order directing the clerk of said court, under his hand and the seal of said court, to issue a warrant to the sheriff of the county wherein said land lies, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county not interested in the land to be valued to meet on or near the land to be valued on a day named in said summons,