

sence, to faithfully discharge the duties of his or their office without fear, favor or partiality. The commissioners shall, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, take a similar oath before some justice of the peace.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That any officer or officers that the commissioners may appoint by virtue of this act to preserve the peace and good order of said town, shall be invested with the same power that a constable now has under the laws of Maryland.

Power of officer.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That when the health, comfort, convenience or prosperity of said town shall require the taking of private property for the purpose of opening streets, widening the same, or for any other purpose, the commissioners shall issue their warrant to the Sheriff of Prince George's county to summon a jury of twenty persons, who have no pecuniary interest in the property to be condemned, residents of the town, and who have resided therein twelve months prior to being summoned, and from the panel of jurors, each party, the commissioners and the owner or owners of the property to be condemned, his or her or their agents 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 or them, may strike off four persons for each side respectively, 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.

Condemnation of property.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That 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

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