

and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not interested in the property to be valued, to meet on or near the land or other property to be valued, on a day named in said summons, not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days after the issuing of the same, for the purpose of condemning such property.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if at the time named in said summons any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary with the jurors in attendance to make up the full number of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff, for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve jurors shall act as a jury of inquest of damages; and the sheriff shall, before the jury shall proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath that they will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of the property required for the purposes of this act.

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SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the jury shall have power to summon such witnesses as the parties may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the value of the property to be condemned; and having viewed the said property and heard said testimony, they shall without delay, ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made to the party owning or being interested in said property to be condemned; and shall thereupon reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the circuit court for Allegany county, shall be filed by the clerk of said court and shall be confirmed by the said court at the term next succeeding the filing thereof with said clerk, unless sufficient cause to be contrary be shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by said clerk at the cost of the mayor and councilmen of Frostburg; and if any objections be filed to such confirmation, they shall stand for hearing within the first ten days of the first term of the court after said inquisition is returned; and if said inquisition is set aside, said court may direct another inquisition to issue as is practiced in other condemnation cases.

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SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That every such inquisition shall describe the property taken and the bounds of the lands condemned and the quantity or duration of the interest condemned, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner of said property or his attorney, shall entitle said mayor and councilmen to the estate and property so valued as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner thereof.

Give title.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the said water board are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to the carrying out of the provisions of this act, whether