

and also the benefit that shall accrue to the owner or possessor of said ground or improvements by reason of the opening, widening, straightening or extending said streets, lanes or alleys; the jury shall then reduce their inquisition to writing; shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said sheriff to the clerk of the circuit court for said county; and if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within thirty days from said return, the same shall be confirmed by the court and recorded in the land records of said county, but if set aside, or if the jury fail to agree after having been kept together a reasonable time, in the judgment of the sheriff, and be discharged, then the sheriff, at the instance of said corporation, without further warrant, shall summon another jury of twenty inhabitants as aforesaid, and the same proceedings shall be had as hereinbefore provided, and so on until the verdict or inquisition shall be confirmed by the court; the expenses of the inquisition and return including a per diem of one dollar and fifty cents to each juror shall be paid by the corporation; the inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quality or duration of the interest, the amount of damages awarded and benefits deducted, if any, in the same valued for the corporation; and such valuation after deducting benefits when paid, or tendered to the owner of said property or the party entitled to the same, or paid into court, after the confirmation of said inquisition shall entitle the corporation to the estate and interest in the same thus valued, as fully as if it had been conveyed by the owner of the same; and the valuation if not received when tendered, may at any time thereafter be received from said corporation, but without interest; the same proceedings may be had by said corporation for assessing benefits to property owners on the line or lines of such streets, lanes or alleys, or parts thereof opened, extended, straightened or widened as herein provided, and the inquisition of the jury when confirmed shall be a lien for the amount thereof on the respective properties so benefited, and the payment thereof enforced by execution issued out of the circuit court for Anne Arundel county, as in cases of judgments in said court; the oath to be administered by the sheriff in such cases shall be, to faithfully and impartially assess such benefits as may accrue to said property owners, by the opening, extending, straightening or widening of such streets, lanes, alleys or parts of the same.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1890.