

Condemnation of land, &c.

the consent of the owners of such ground or property cannot be obtained, a jury shall be summoned by the sheriff of Baltimore City or by the sheriff of Baltimore County or Howard County as the case may be, upon a warrant of a justice of the peace of Baltimore County or Howard County or Baltimore City, as the case may be, for that purpose, to be issued upon the application of said company, to condemn said land or property and assess the damage, if any, for the occupation of such land or property, and the inquisition thereupon shall be signed by the sheriff and jury and be returned by said sheriff to the Circuit Court of Baltimore County, or Howard County, or the Baltimore City Court, as the case may be, and unless good cause be shown against said inquisition of the jury, it shall be confined, by the said court, at the term next after the return of said inquisition, and be recorded; and upon payment, or tender of payment of the damages assessed by said inquisition, said company shall proceed to occupy and possess the land or property so amended for the purpose aforesaid, but if said inquisition shall be set aside, the said court may in its discretion, as often as may be necessary, direct another or other inquisitions in the manner above described.

Injury to railroad.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully or by any means whatsoever, injure, impair or destroy any part of said road, or railway, or any of its necessary works, buildings or property, or place any obstruction on said road or railway, such person or persons offending, shall be subject to indictment in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County, or Howard County, or the criminal court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, where the offence or offences are committed respectively, and upon conviction of such offence, or offences, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one, nor more than five hundred dollars, or by confinement in the jail or in the House of Correction for a period not exceeding ten years, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Issue bonds.

SEC 10. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the said company to issue its bonds or obligations in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each, and payable with interest at such time or times as the president and directors of said company may appoint, and to sell and dispose of the same, and to provide for the security and payment of the same by mortgage or otherwise, and also, that it shall and may be lawful for the said company to issue certificates of stock and to apply the same if they shall find it expedient to do so in payment of the expenses of the construction and equipment of said road, or other liabilities of said company.