

which day so appointed the owner or owners of said land if resident in said county, shall have at least ten days' notice, to be given by the president of said company, and if the owner be a non-resident, such notice shall be given to his tenant, and if no tenant, then to be set up on the land, and if the owner be an infant, or *non compos mentis*, such notice shall be given to the guardian or committee, if there be one; and on the day at the place so appointed, the said sheriff shall attend, and in case any of the jurors do not attend, the sheriff shall *instanter* summon as many more jurors as shall be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make a panel of twenty; and from the panel thus completed either party may strike off four, and in case they neglect or refuse the sheriff shall strike off all names but twelve, who shall constitute the jury of condemnation, and hear and determine the cause. The sheriff shall qualify such of said twelve jurors so selected by an oath, which he shall administer to them, or their affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially to try the cause and value the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land or materials required as aforesaid.

Ten days' notice. Either party may summon witnesses and examine them under oath, to be administered by the sheriff, and after the evidence, if any shall be offered, and the parties heard, if they desire to be, the jury shall proceed to render their verdict and reduce the same to writing "in the shape of an inquisition," and sign and seal the same and deliver it to the said sheriff, who shall return the same to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester county; and unless good and sufficient cause shall be shown against such inquisition it shall be confirmed by said court at the term next succeeding the time of the return of said inquisition, but if it shall be set aside by said court it shall direct another jury to be summoned, and another inquisition to be taken in the manner before described, and when any inquisition is confirmed by the court aforesaid and the amount of damages therein awarded is paid or tendered to the owner or owners, or guardian, or committee, or paid into court, the said company shall be entitled to the estate and interest of such owner in said land and materials so far as may be necessary to vest in said company the right of way over said land for the purposes of said

In case jurors do not attend.

May strike off

May summon witnesses.

Cause be shown.

Shall be entitled.