

as such, the said sheriff or his deputy, shall administer to each of them an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that he would justly and impartially value the damages, which the owners, or parties holding an interest therein, will sustain by the use and occupation of said property by the mayor and city council of Baltimore; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said sheriff to the clerk of the superior court of said city, and by such clerk filed in his office, and shall be confirmed by said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shewn, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by the said clerk, at the expense of the mayor and city council of Baltimore; but should said inquisition be set aside, then the said court shall direct another inquisition, in the manner above described; and such inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same valued, to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of said property, or his, her their legal representatives, shall entitle the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, to the full legal and equitable title, interest and estate of the said owners of said property, estate and interest in the same, thus valued as fully as if it had been held by the owner or owners of the same, and the valuation, if not received when tendered, may, at any time thereafter, be received from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, without interest, by the said owner or owners, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives; and if the twenty jurors, summoned as aforesaid, shall not appear at the time and place appointed as aforesaid, the sheriff or his deputy, as the case may be, shall forthwith summon other free holders of the city, who are qualified as aforesaid, to make up the said jury to the number of twelve, and the jurors, so summoned, shall be allowed one dollar per diem for their services, and the sheriff shall be allowed such fees as are by law allowed for the summoning of jurors to attend the superior court of Baltimore city, and also a per diem of two dollars for every day he, or his deputy, shall be in attendance upon an inquisition under this act; and such expenses shall be paid by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, except in cases of objections to the confirmation of the inquisition before the superior court, when the costs in said court may be awarded in the discretion of the court.

Inquisition to be reduced to writing and recorded by clerk of Superior court.

If set aside, court may direct another inquisition.