

the application of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, for any justice of the peace of the county in which such lands, earth, or other property or materials as aforesaid are situated, to issue his warrant to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to direct and summon from the said county a jury of twenty free holders, inhabitants of said county, not related to the owner or owners or persons interested, as aforesaid, in the said real estate or other property, to meet on the premises which is to be valued, on some certain day to be named in said warrant, of which said warrant and the day therein named for the meeting of the jury, twenty days notice shall be given previous to such day by the mayor and city council of Baltimore to every owner or person interested as aforesaid, or any infant or lunatic, or feme covert, to his or her guardian or husband, or in either case, are left at his or her place of abode, or if out of the State or unknown, such notice shall be published not less than eight weeks successively in some one or more of the daily newspapers of Baltimore city, and in one or more of the newspapers of the county in which such property may be located, if any newspaper be published such county, and from the list of jurors so returned and attending it may be lawful for the person, the condemnation of whose property may be desired, to strike four, and for the said mayor and city council of Baltimore to strike four, so that the number of jurors be reduced to twelve, and in case either party shall neglect or refuse to strike off the names of jurors, then it shall be the duty of the sheriff or his deputy, who shall attend, as hereinafter directed, to strike off jurors for the party so refusing or neglecting, so that the number of jurors be reduced to twelve, as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the twelve jurors so remaining to inquire into, assess, and ascertain the sum or sums of money to be paid by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore for the land, spring, brook, water rights or other property which they may deem necessary to purchase and hold or use for the purpose; and before the said jury act 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 circuit court of said county, and by such clerk filed in his office, and

Oath.

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