

the assessable property of said town, provided that the taxes for all purposes shall not exceed forty cents on every one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in any one year, which taxes shall be collected and paid to said commissioners by such person or persons as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may see fit to appoint, who may enforce the payment of said town taxes in the same manner and with like effect as collectors of State and county taxes may enforce the payment of State and county taxes; and the said commissioners shall fix the term of office, amount of bond and compensation of such collector or collectors.

Compensation
of collectors.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That if on opening or laying out any new street, lane or alley, the said commissioners cannot agree with the owner or owners of any land or property wanted for the purpose, for the purchase, use or occupation of the same, or if the owner be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of Cecil county, application may be made to any justice of the peace for said county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant under his hand and seal directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county (males twenty-five years of age and upwards) not related to the parties or in anywise interested, to meet on the land or near to the property to be valued, on a day to be named in the warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same.

Summon jury.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That if at the said time and place, any of the jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages.

Strike off.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriff shall, before the jury proceed to act, administer to each an oath that he will justly and impartially value damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of his property for the uses hereinbefore named.

Administer
oath.