

the United States Advisory Board, under the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter one hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore cannot agree with the said owner or owners, or if there be any incapacity or disability on the part of the said owner or owners, to contract, or if such owner or owners shall be absent, out of the State or unknown, application may be made by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to any justice of the peace of Baltimore county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant to the sheriff of said county, directing him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants thereof not related to the owner or owners of the said wharf property nor in any wise interested therein, to meet on the premises to be valued on a day named in said warrant, of which warrant and the day therein named for the meeting of the jury, five days' notice shall be given previous to such day by the said Mayor and City Council to the owner or owners of said property, or if any such owner be *feme covert*, or under twenty-one years of age, or *non compos mentis*, then to her husband or to the guardian or committee of such infant or lunatic, or in either case, left at his or her place of abode, or if out of the State or unknown, such notice shall be published in one or more of the daily papers of Baltimore city for five days; and, if at the time and place named any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary to make a panel of twenty jurors as aforesaid, and from them the said Mayor and City Council, and the said owner or owners, or the agents of either, shall strike four, so that the number of jurors shall be reduced to twelve, and in case either party shall neglect or refuse so to strike, then it shall be the duty of the sheriff, or his deputy, to strike for the party so neglecting or refusing to strike, and in either case the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest, to value and assess the sum or sums of money to be paid by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the said portion of the wharf or pier so required for the improvement of the navigation of the harbor of Baltimore; but before they act as such jury of inquest,

Summon jury.

Publish notice.

Number of jurors.