

erty 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.

Failure to
attend.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That if at the same 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 finish 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.

Administer
oath.

SEC. 15. *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 the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of his property for the use hereinbefore named.

Reduce to
writing.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the jury, in estimating the benefit resulting to the owner from opening and laying out, straightening, widening and draining said streets, lanes or alleys, through, along or near to the property of said owner, but only in the extinguishment of the claims for damages; and the jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, and shall be confirmed by said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, whether on account of insufficiency of damages or otherwise, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of said president and commissioners. If said inquisition be set aside, the said court may direct another to be taken in the same manner as the first.

Describe prop-
erty taken.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That every inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same therein valued; and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner of the property or his legal representative, or in case no damages shall be assessed, the confirmation of said inquisition shall entitle the said president and commissioners to the estate, use and interest in the same so valued for the purposes aforesaid as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner, and