

town of Centreville aforesaid, which said notice shall contain an accurate description of the land proposed to be condemned, the names of the owners thereof, and the substance of the allegations and facts stated in said petition; and shall require all persons interested in said land to appear in said court on a certain day, to be specified in said notice, and file their objections, if any they have, to the proposed condemnation of said land.

File objections

Court to hear
and determine.

SEC. 4. Upon the day specified in said notice, the said court shall proceed to hear and determine upon said petition and the objections, if any, filed against the proposed condemnation; and the said court may order such witnesses to be summoned, and hear such evidence as may be desired or produced before it by the respective parties, to show the necessity or impropriety of the proposed condemnation; and if the said court shall determine that condemnation of the said land ought not to be had, it shall dismiss said petition; but if it shall determine that condemnation of the said land ought to be had by the said petitioners, it shall pass an order directing its clerk to issue a warrant to the sheriff of Queen Anne's county aforesaid, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty disinterested residents of said county to meet on or near the land to be valued on a day named in said summons, not less than ten days nor more than twenty days after the issuance of said summons; provided at least five days previous notice of the time of said meeting be given by the said sheriff to the owner or owners, or the agent or attorney of said owner or owners, of the land proposed to be condemned.

Jury. Summons

Who to strike
off.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if at the time named in such summons any of said jurors summoned do not appear, the said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make the number of twenty, and from them, each party or his agent or attorney, or if either be not present in person or by agent or attorney, the said sheriff for said absent party may strike off four jurors, and the remaining jurors shall act as the jury of inquest of damages; before this said jury shall