

Obtain right  
of way.

Qualify by  
oath.

Inquisition  
affirmed.

in Dorchester county, at or near the head of Cambridge creek, that issues out of the Great Choptank river, to a point at or near the head waters of the Little Blackwater river, and thence along said Little Blackwater to its junction with Big Blackwater river, and then to Fishing Bay; also from Blackwater run to Transquakin river, and then up Transquakin and Chicamicomico rivers to their respective heads; also to straighten the course and improve the navigation of said river, and for the purpose of making said canal the said president and directors of said company may obtain the right of way by gift, grant, purchase or agreement with the owners of the land over which it may be deemed proper to construct said canal, or in case of inability to purchase or agree with the owners of said land, the said president and directors may apply to any justice of the peace of Dorchester county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested persons qualified to serve as jurors, in the Circuit Court, to meet at the proper place on the premises to be valued, at not less than ten days after the date of said warrant, and the said sheriff, shall qualify the said persons either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially to value the damages which may be sustained by the owners of said land, and make true inquisition and return of the amount of damages, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, which may be sustained by the owner or owners of said land, under their hands and seals and the hand and seal of the sheriff to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester county, and unless good cause be shown against said inquisition, it shall be affirmed by the said Circuit Court and recorded; but if the said inquisition be set aside, or for any cause no inquisition shall be returned to such court, within or before the expiration of the term of said court, during which said warrant was issued, the said court may, at its discretion, as often as may be necessary, direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed; and upon every such valu-