

of their water works, for the use and occupation of the same, or for the purchase of the same; and if they cannot agree, or if the owner or owners, or any of them be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the county in which the property wanted may lie, when such land or materials shall be wanted, application may be made to any justice of the peace of Anne Arundel county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not related nor in anywise interested, to meet on the land, or near to the other property or materials to be valued, on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same, and if at said time and place any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary with the jurors in attendance to furnish a panel of twenty jurors in attendance, and from them each party, or its, her, his, or their agent, if either be not present in person or by their agent, the sheriff for him, her, it or them, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of inquest of damages; and before they act as such the said sheriff shall administer to each of them an oath or affirmation as the case may be, that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of the same required by the company; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by said sheriff to the clerk of said county, and by such clerk filed in his court, and shall be confirmed by said court at its next session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by said clerk at the expense of said company, but if set aside, the said court may direct another inquisition to be taken, in the manner above described, and such inquisition shall describe the property taken, or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same, valued for the company, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of said property, or his, her, or their legal representative, shall entitle the said company to

In case they cannot agree jury to be summoned.

Oath.

Inquisition to be reduced to writing, &c.