

application to a Justice of the Peace of Baltimore county, he shall issue his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty men, inhabitants of the county, and each party shall be entitled to strike from said list the names of four jurors, and in case the owners of said lands, earth, timber or other material, so to be condemned shall be a minor, *non compos mentis*, *feme covert*, or non-resident of the State, and not represented by an agent, attorney or trustee, it shall be the duty of the said sheriff to strike from said list the names of four persons, so as to leave the panel of twelve jurors not related to either of the parties or otherwise interested in the premises, to meet on the land to be valued on a day to be specified in said warrant, not less than five or more than ten days after issuing the same, and in case any of the jurors aforesaid do not attend, the sheriff shall instanter summon as many jurors as may be necessary with the jurors in attendance, to furnish a panel of twenty jurors as aforesaid, who shall act in the premises, and the 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 and benefits which the owner or owners of said lands will sustain by use or occupation of the same by the company; if required by the party or parties whose lands are to be affected by their proceedings or by the said Railroad Company or their agent or agents, the jurors shall cause to be summoned such witnesses as the parties may require, and shall examine them on oath or affirmation in relation to the value of the property to be condemned, and they shall reduce the testimony, if any is taken by them, to writing, and after the testimony is closed, and without any unnecessary delay, and after having made a fair and just comparison of advantage and disadvantage arising from the said Railroad, they shall estimate and determine whether any and if any, what amount of damage has been or may be sustained by the said owner or owners respectively, and make report thereof accordingly; and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, and by him

Witnesses.

Inquisition to be filed.