

ing to act, and the remaining twelve shall constitute the Jury, and the Sheriff qualify the said twelve Jurors, either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially to estimate the value of the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land or water-right required; and the said Jury in estimating the damages supposed to be sustained by the said owner or owners of the land or water-rights required, shall take into the estimate the benefit resulting to the said owner or owners, but only in extinguishing or lessening the claim for damages; and the said Jury shall reduce their verdict to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico or for Worcester county, as the case may be, and if no good or sufficient reason shall be shown against said verdict it shall be confirmed by the Court at the next term succeeding the return of said verdict; but if the said verdict shall be set aside by said Court, the said Court shall then direct another inquisition to be held in the manner before described, and when the verdict is confirmed and the valuation paid or tendered to the owner or owners, or their agents or representatives, or paid into the said Court, the said company shall be entitled to the estate and interest therein as fully as if conveyed by the owner or owners; and the said verdict shall be recorded among the land records of Wicomico or of Worcester counties in whichsoever the land or water-rights acquired may be located, at the expense of the company; and whenever it becomes necessary to hold any inquisition as herein provided on any lands or water-rights, as aforesaid, the company may enter upon, occupy and use the same immediately after the same shall have been viewed by the said Jury and confirmed by said Court, and the said company shall have paid or tendered the owner or owners of the land or water-rights condemned the damages awarded by said Jury.

Verdict.

Occupancy.