

ten days from the date of the warrant of the commissioners, of which day of meeting the owner shall have notice from the sheriff; and having been sworn by the sheriff, without partiality or prejudice to value the land and damages sustained by the owner by such condemnation, according to their best skill and judgment, shall proceed to make such valuation.

Owner to be notified.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted,* That the jury in estimating the damages shall take into consideration the value of the property condemned, the injury to other property, and the benefits to be derived from the improvements; the sheriff shall return the inquisition under his hand and seal, and hands and seals of the jury, to the commissioners to be recorded among the land records of Charles county; and the said condemnation shall, upon payment or tender to the owner of the said land condemned of the damages assessed by the inquisition, vest the property condemned in the commissioners, but the said property shall in no way be disturbed until the damages assessed shall have been paid or tendered.

Duty of the jury.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted,* That the justice or justices of the peace for the time being holding office in the district in or which said village is situate, shall act as judge or judges of the first election to be held under this act, who shall keep the polls open in the afternoon at such place as he or they may select in said village, from four to six o'clock, and shall within twenty-four hours after closing the polls notify in writing the five persons having the greatest number of votes that they have been elected commissioners of the village of Port Tobacco; and the said commissioners so notified shall thereupon meet and qualify, as directed by this act, and take control and management of the village; all subsequent elections to be provided for and regulated by the by-laws of the corporation.

Shall act as judges of election.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That every commissioner elected, before he shall proceed to execute the duties of his office, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace of the county that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties

Shall take oath.