

any lands adjoining the Baltimore and Frederick Town Turnpike Road, of a width not exceeding twenty feet; and not exceeding in length parallel with the line of said road one hundred yards at and from Guinn's Falls on said road; and in all cases where no agreement can be made with the owners of said adjoining lands, or where such owner or owners shall be a feme covert, infant or *non compos mentis*, the said President upon giving notice in writing of not less than ten days to the parties interested, or by placing such notice on the premises intended to be condemned may apply to a Justice of the Peace of Baltimore or Howard counties, who shall thereupon issue his warrant to the sheriff of either of said counties, commanding him to summon twenty disinterested persons qualified to act as Jurors in the Circuit Courts of Baltimore or Howard counties, as the case may be, to meet upon the land; and after four of the Jurors so summoned are stricken off the panel by the President of said company or his agent; and four others by the person or persons interested in said land or his or her agent, or in the absence or refusal to strike off such persons, or their agents, four to be stricken off by the said Sheriff, the Sheriff shall qualify the twelve remaining Jurors, either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially to value the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of said land or materials required by said company; and the said jury in estimating the damages aforesaid supposed to be sustained by the owner or owners of the land required for the construction of said road, shall take into the estimate the benefit resulting to said owner or owners, but only in the extinguishment of the claim for damages, and the said Jury shall reduce their verdict to writing in the shape of an inquisition and sign and seal the same; and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore or Howards counties as the case may be, and unless good and sufficient cause shall be shown against the said inquisition it shall be affirmed by the said court at the term next succeeding the return of said inquisition, but if the said inquisition should be set aside, the said court may in its discretion as often as may be necessary direct another

Estimate of
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