

the said Company shall have power and authority to have condemned such lands, as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid by inquisition in the following manner: when such lands may be wanted, application may be made to any Justice of the Peace of Howard county, if the land shall lie in said county, or of Baltimore county, if the lands lie in Baltimore, who shall therefore issue his warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of said counties, requiring him to summon a jury of the inhabitants, not related to the parties, nor in anywise interested, to meet on the lands so wanted, on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten, nor more twenty days after issuing the same, and if at the said time and place, any of the said jurors summoned do not attend, the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many persons similarly qualified, as together with the jurors in attendance will furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from the panel each party, his, her, or their, or its attorney or agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, her, them, or it, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of the inquest of damages, and to each before he acts as such juror, the Sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of the said land so required to be taken, and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and sign and seal the same, and it shall be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit court of his county, and be filed by said Clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by the said Circuit Court at its next term or session, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown; and when confirmed shall be recorded by said Clerk to whose office the same has been returned, at the expense of the said Company; but if the same be set aside, the Circuit Court of either of the said counties, or both, if the same be set aside in both, shall direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above described, and the inquisition shall in all cases describe the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same valued for said Company, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property, his, her,

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