

thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand, directed to the Sheriff of the County, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of the County not related to the party or parties, or in any wise interested, to meet on the land, or near to the property to be valued, on a day to be named in the warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the same. If at the same time and place any of the jurors are unable to attend by illness the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to finish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his, her, their or its agent or attorney, or if either be not present, in person, or by agent, or attorney, the Sheriff, for such party, may strike off four jurors and the opposite party may strike off four jurors, and if in striking the jurors there shall still remain more than twelve jurors, the Sheriff shall then strike until there shall not be more than twelve jurors and from said jurors the Sheriff shall select a foreman. Before the jury shall proceed to act, the Sheriff shall administer to each juror an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of his property for the purpose aforesaid. The jury in estimating the damages shall take into consideration the benefit or benefits resulting to the owner or owners from opening, laying out, straightening, widening or diminishing or draining said street, lane or alley, through, along or near to the property of said owner, or the acquisition of property for town purposes, or the benefit or benefits to other land or lands of the owner or owners that may accrue but only in the extinguishment of his, her or its claim for damages; and the jury shall reduce its inquisition to writing, and shall sign the same, and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, and shall be confirmed by said Court at the next regular term thereof, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, whether on account of insufficiency or damages or otherwise, and when confirmed, it shall be recorded by said Clerk at the expense of the town. If said inquisition be set aside, the Court shall direct another to be taken in the same manner as the first.

SEC. 83J. *And be it enacted,* That every inquisition shall describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest in the same therein valued; and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of the property, or his legal representa-