

published in the City of Havre de Grace requiring them to appear in the said Court and defend their interest on or before some day to be named in the order, which day shall be not less than six weeks nor more than eight weeks from the day of the signing of the said order. Upon the return of the said summons or upon the expiration of the time prescribed in said order of publication, or upon the appearance of the owner or owners, or supposed owner or owners of said property, the Court shall hear and determine any reasons that may be alleged why said property should not be lawfully condemned for the purpose set forth, and if it appears to the Court that any such owner or reputed owners are under any legal disability to make his, her or their defense, the Court shall either authorize their duly constituted guardian or committee to appear and defend for them, or shall appoint some suitable person as guardian ad litem for them to appear in their name and defend their rights; if the Court shall determine that the property is not subject to condemnation at all, it shall quash the petition; if it shall determine that the proceedings are void for want of a proper notice or summons, which has not been cured by the appearance of the owners or reputed owners of the property, it shall order a re-summons or a re-publication of the order or notice; the Court shall at any time have power to permit any amendments in matters of form; if there be no objection to the condemnation of the said property, or if the Court shall decide against the validity of any such objection as may be alleged, it shall order and adjudge that such property be subject to condemnation, and shall appoint as appraisers three inhabitants of the City of Havre de Grace, not City office-holders, not in anywise interested in the property to be condemned nor related to the owner or owners thereof, each of whom shall, before acting, take oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County or before any officer authorized to take affidavits, that he will justly and impartially value the property described in the aforesaid petition and the interests of the several owners thereof, and as soon as convenient may assess the value of the property, or the interest or estate therein sought to be condemned, and apportion the same among the various owners thereof, according to the values of their respective interests, and return to the Circuit Court for Harford County their award of the value of the said property and of the respective interest of the several owners thereof under their hands and seals and shall give notice by advertisement for four successive weeks in one or more of the papers published in Havre de Grace that such award has been returned to the Circuit Court for Harford County, and that all persons having an interest therein may show cause, if any they have, why the same