

through which it may be necessary to extend a road, for the purchase thereof, and in case of disagreement, or in case the owner or owners shall be a feme covert, under age, non compos, or out of the State, on application to a justice of the peace of the county, the said justice shall issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, to the sheriff of Talbot, or to the sheriff of Caroline county, respectively, wherein the said property may be sought to be condemned, to summon a jury of twenty freeholders of said county, not related to the parties, or in any manner interested, to meet on the lands to be valued, at a day to be expressed in the warrant, not less than ten days after the date of said warrant, and the sheriff, upon receiving said warrant, shall forthwith summon a jury, and when met, shall administer an oath or affirmation to every jurymen who shall appear, being not less than twelve in number, that he will faithfully, justly and impartially value the land required by the company according to the best of his skill and judgment, and that in such valuation he will not spare any person for favor or affection, or any person aggrieve for malice, hatred or ill-will, and the inquisition thereupon taken shall be signed by the jury, and sheriff of each of said counties respectively wherein the land so sought to be condemned, and returned by the sheriff of said counties, to the clerks of their respective counties, and unless good cause be shown against said requisition, it shall be affirmed by the Circuit courts of the said counties wherein such condemnation may take place, but if the said inquisition shall be set aside, or if from any cause no inquisition shall be returned to such courts within a reasonable time, the said courts may direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed, and upon such valuation, the jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the bounds of the lands by them valued, and the nature of the estate required by the company in the same, and their valuation shall be conclusive on all persons, and shall on demand be paid for by the president and directors of said company to the owner or owners of the land, or his, her, or their legal representatives, and on payment or tender of payment thereof, the said company shall be seized of such lands as of an absolute estate in fee, or with such less quantity and duration of interest in the same

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In case of disagreement, jury may be summoned to assess damages.

Certificate of award to be filed with the clerk of Circuit court.

Valuation, when tendered, may entitle the company to property.