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part of the said road, that a considerable saving in CHAP. 196. expense would arise to the company, that in all such cases, it shall be lawful to depart from the track of the road so originally laid down, and improve the less expensive route; provided also, that where the track of the original road shall be departed from, the president, managers and company may agree with the owner of the land through which the same may pass, for the purchase of the same, if the owner shall require any compensation therefor, and in case of disagreement, or if the owner be a feme covert, or non compos, or under age, or out of the State, the compensation to owner or owners, shall be ascertained and paid in the manner hereinafter provided for ascertaining and paying for the value of materials for making said road.

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That in all cases where To contract, etc. stone, gravel, earth or sand, not already quarried or dry for the use of the owner, or for sale, shall be necessary for making or repairing of the said plank or turnpike road, the president and managers of the said company, or a majority of them, or any person authorised by them, may agree with the owner or owners of said materials for the purchase of the same, or with said owner or owners of the land, on which the same may be for the purchase of said land, and in case of disagreement, or in case the owner should be a feme covert, or non compos, or under age, or out of the State or Country, the president of the company, or any person authorised by him for that purpose, shall apply to a justice of the peace for the county wherein the said materials may be, which justice shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twenty disinterested persons, qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet at a place where the said materials may be, four of whom may be stricken off the panel by the said president and directors, or their agents, and four by the person or persons interested, or in his, her or their absence, by the sheriff, and the said sheriff shall qualify the said twelve remaining persons, 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 such materials required by such company, and the said persons shail, after valuing the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of such materials, return under their hands and seals to the justice who issued the warrant, one copy of their said valuation, one other copy to the president of the said company, and one other copy to the owner or owners of the materials, if such owner shall