

to be served in the same manner as a summons in actions at law [, and to be returned by some day to be named in said order not less than ten days nor more than twenty days from the day of the filing of said petition. If any defendant be not summoned before the return day of said summons, the summons may be renewed from time to time, as often as the Court in its discretion may think proper; or if any defendant is non-resident or unknown, or is returned non est, the Court may order the sheriff to set up a copy of the summons for such defendants upon the property, and a notice to be published once a week for three ~~consecutive~~ SUCCESSIVE weeks, in a newspaper published in the County where such property is situated, and, if the proceedings be in Baltimore City, in one daily newspaper published in said City, requiring such defendant to appear in the said Court on or before a certain day to be named in the order, said day to be not less than thirty days nor more than forty days from the date of the first publication of said order, and show cause why such property, or such defendant's interest therein, should not be condemned as prayed in the petition].

3. [Every defendant summoned shall, within ten days after the return day to which he is summoned, and every defendant appearing shall, within ten days after such appearance, file an answer showing cause, if any he has, why the property mentioned in the petition, or said defendant's interest therein, should not be condemned as prayed, and every defendant against whom publication has been duly made, as hereinbefore provided, shall file an answer within the time limited in such order of publication.

The Court shall have power, for good cause shown, to extend the time for answering. In default of answer within the time hereinbefore provided or any extension thereof, as aforesaid, such defendant shall be regarded as in default, so far as the right of condemnation is concerned.]

If any defendant summoned [as aforesaid,] or against whom publication has been made [as aforesaid,] is under legal disability, by reason of infancy, insanity or any other cause, [the Court, upon the return of said summons, or the expiration of the time limited in such order of publication, upon the application of any party to said suit, shall authorize the duly constituted guardian or committee of such infant, lunatic or person under disability, to appear, answer, and defend for him within the times above specified, or if such defendant under disability shall have] *and has* no constituted guardian or committee, the Court shall, upon application, appoint some suitable person as guardian ad litem to appear, answer, and defend for such defendant under legal disability [, within the times above specified,] and when such answer of such guardian ad litem or committee for such defendant shall be filed, the case as to such defendant shall be regarded as ready for further proceedings for said condemnation as hereinafter provided.

5. When all the defendants in said case who have been summoned or published against [, as hereinbefore provided,] have either answered or are in default [as aforesaid,] and all defendants under legal disability have answered by their guardians, committees or guardians ad litem, as hereinbefore provided, the case shall be regarded as ready for trial, and, upon the application of any party to said suit, the Court shall forthwith set an early date to be especially