

of shall pass an order directing a summons to issue for the defendants, 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 more than ten 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 shall be renewed forthwith and be made returnable in not more than ten days from the date it is issued; if any defendant is twice returned non est, or is non-resident or unknown, the Court shall order the sheriff to set up a copy of the summons for such defendants upon the property, and to publish a notice of such suit once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county where said property is situated, or, if the proceedings be in Baltimore City, in one daily newspaper published in said city, requiring such defendants 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 fifteen days nor more than twenty 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].

22. 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 fixed by it, not less than five nor more than ten days from the date of said application, for the trial of the issues of law and fact raised in said case, and the ascertainment of the compensation or damages to be awarded to the defendants in case it shall be determined that the land sought by the petitioner shall be condemned.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Commissions to Take Testimony in This State", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

24. Each of the circuit courts, or the judge thereof, shall appoint not more than three commissioners for the county in which such court is held, and each of the courts of civil jurisdiction in the city of Baltimore shall appoint two commissioners to take the depositions of witnesses [], on such notice to the opposite party and in such manner as the court shall prescribe].

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 13 of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Fees of Officers", sub-title "Clerks of Court", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

13. The Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland may charge and shall be entitled to receive the fees hereinafter set forth for the performance of his duties, as follows:

(1) For filing the record in any appeal and all duties incident thereto, \$20.00;