

not less than ten nor more than twenty days thereafter, and the sheriff, upon receiving the said warrant, shall forthwith summon the said jury, and when met, shall administer an oath, or affirmation, to every jurymen that shall appear, that he will faithfully, justly and impartially, value the land, (not exceeding in any case the width of two hundred feet,) and all damages the owner therefore shall sustain by the cutting the canal through such land, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and that in such valuation he will not spare any person for favour or affection, nor any person grieve for hatred, malice or ill will; and the inquisition thereupon taken shall be signed by the sheriff and some twelve or more of the jury, and returned by the sheriff to the clerk of his county, to be by him recorded; and upon every such valuation, the jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the bounds of the land by them valued, and their valuation shall be conclusive on all persons, and shall be paid by the said president and directors to the owner of the land or his legal representative, and on payment thereof, the said company shall be seized in fee of such land, as if conveyed by the owner to them and their successors by legal conveyance, provided nevertheless, that if any further damage shall arise to any proprietor of land in consequence of opening such canal, or in erecting such works, than had been before considered and valued, it shall and may be lawful for such proprietor, as often as any such new damage shall happen, by application to, and a warrant from, any two justices of the county where the lands lie, to have such further damage valued by a jury in like manner, and to receive and recover the same of the said president and directors; but nothing herein shall be taken or construed to entitle the proprietors of any such lands to recover compensation for any damages which may happen to any mills, forges, or other works or improvements, which shall be begun or erected by such proprietor after such first valuation, unless the same damage is wilfully or maliciously done by the said president and directors, or some person by their authority.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to agree with the proprietor for the purchase of a quantity of land, not exceeding one acre, at or near such of the said places of receipt of tolls aforesaid, for the purpose of erecting necessary buildings, and in case of disagreement, or any of the disabilities aforesaid, or the proprietor being out of the state, then such land may be valued, condemned, and paid for, as aforesaid, for the purpose aforesaid, and the said company shall, upon payment of the valuation of the said land, be seized thereof in fee-simple as aforesaid.

Erect buildings, &c.

XIII. AND, whereas some of the places through which it may be necessary to conduct the said canals may be convenient for erecting mills, forges, or other waterworks, and the persons possessors of such situation may design to improve the same, and it is the intention of this act not to interfere with private property, but for the purpose of improving and perfecting the said navigation, BE IT ENACTED; That the water, or any part thereof, conveyed through any canal or cut made by the said company, shall not be used for any purpose but navigation, unless the consent of the proprietors of the land through which the same shall be first had; and the said president and directors, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered and directed, if it can be conveniently done to answer both the purposes of navigation and waterworks aforesaid, to enter into reasonable agreements with the proprietors of such situation concerning the just proportion of the expences of making large canals or cuts capable of carrying such quantities of water as may be sufficient for the purposes of navigation, and also for any such waterworks as aforesaid.

Water to be used only for navigation, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for every of the said proprietors to transfer his share or shares, by deed executed before two witnesses, and registered after proof of the execution thereof in the said company's books, and not otherwise, except by devise, which devise shall also be exhibited to the president and directors, and registered in the company's books, before the devisee or devisees shall be entitled to draw any part of the profits from the said tolls; provided, that no transfer whatsoever shall be made, except for one or more whole share or shares, and not for part of such shares, and that no share shall at any time be sold, conveyed, transferred, or held in trust, for the use and benefit, or in the name of another, whereby the said president and directors, or proprietors of the said company, or any of them, shall or may be challenged, or made to answer concerning any such trust, but that every person appearing as aforesaid to be a proprietor shall, as to the others of the said company, be to every intent taken absolutely as such, but as between any trustee and the person for whose benefit any trust shall be created, the common remedy may be pursued.

Shares may be transferred, &c.

XV. AND, whereas it hath been represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons are willing and desirous, on account of the great public advantages, and the improvement their estates may receive thereby, to promote and contribute towards so useful an undertaking, and to subscribe sums