

thousand dollars for the purpose of improvements to the water supply system of said City, such bonds being issued by authority of the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, but revenue for the purpose of paying interest and principal of same to be derived from the income received for such water supply; it being the intention of this section as to the bonds authorized hereunder that the total amount of water bonds outstanding at any time after deducting the amount held in any sinking funds for their redemption shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, and that the total amount of bonds of the City of Annapolis, other than the water bonds, outstanding at any time after deducting therefrom the amount held in sinking funds for their redemption shall not exceed five per cent. of the taxable basis of said City.

All bonds issued in pursuance and under the authority of this Act shall be exempt from State, County and Municipal taxation.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 2, sec. 38. 1890, ch. 606. 1914 Code, sec. 41.

26. Whenever in the judgment of the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, it is deemed advisable to open, widen, straighten or extend any street, lane or alley or any part thereof in said city, and the owner or owners of the land or improvements thereon cannot agree with said corporation upon the value of the property necessary for said purpose; or if the owner or owners or any of them be an infant, *non compos mentis* or for any other cause be legally incapable of contracting, application may be made by said corporation to any justice of the peace of Anne Arundel County, who shall issue his warrant directed to the Sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said city not related to the owner or in anywise interested in said land, nor connected with said corporation, to meet on the land to be valued and condemned on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the same; and if at the time and place any jurors summoned do not attend or shall be excused by the Sheriff, then the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary to make twenty jurors, and from them each party or its, his, her or their agent or attorney shall strike four jurors, or if either party be not present in person or by agent or attorney, the Sheriff may strike off four jurors, and from those remaining on the list shall select twelve to act as the jury of inquest of damages; before the jury shall proceed to act the Sheriff shall administer to each of the jurors an oath that will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner of the property sought to be condemned, will sustain by reason of the occupation of the land required by the corporation for the purpose aforesaid, and also the benefit that shall accrue to the owner or possessor of said ground or improvements by reason of the opening, widening, straightening or extending said streets, lanes or alleys; the jury shall then reduce their inquisition to writing, shall sign and seal the same, and it shall then be returned by the said Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county; and if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within thirty days from said return, the same shall be confirmed by the Court and recorded in the Land Records of said