

jaçant to said wharf, for the purchase of one acre of land or a less quantity adjoining to said wharf, for the purposes of said company, and in case of disagreement, or in case the owner or owners shall be a *feme-covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the State, on application to a Justice of the Peace of the county, the said Justice shall issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, to the Sheriff of the said county, to summon a jury of twenty freeholders of said county, not related to the parties or in any manner interested, to meet on the land to be valued at a day to be expressed in the warrant, and the Sheriff, upon receiving said warrant, shall forthwith summon said jury, and when met shall administer an oath or affirmation to every juryman who shall appear, being not less than twelve in number, that he will faithfully, justly and impartially value the land required by the company, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and that in such valuation he will not spare any person for favor or affection, or any person aggrieve for malice, hatred or ill-will; and the inquisition thereupon taken shall be signed by the jury and Sheriff, and returned by the Sheriff to the clerk of his county, and unless good cause be shown against said inquisition, it shall be affirmed by the Circuit Court for Talbot county; but if the said inquisition shall be set aside, or if from any cause no inquisition shall be returned to such court within a reasonable time, the said court may direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed, and upon such valuation the jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the bounds of the land by them valued, and the nature of the estate acquired by the company in the same, and their valuation shall be conclusive on all persons, and shall on demand be paid for by the said President and Directors, to the owners of the land, or his, her or their legal representatives, and on payment or tender of payment thereof the said company shall be seized of such lands as of an absolute estate in fee, or with such less quantity and duration of interest in the same as shall be described as aforesaid, as if conveyed by the owner or owners to them.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as granting banking Banking privileges prohibited.