

to do; they shall also at all times keep perfect, just and true books of account, wherein shall be entered a full statement of all monies by them received, and all monies paid, laid out and expended for said company, which books shall at all times be open to the inspection of any director or stockholder of said company, and a true report shall be made thereof to the directors thereof at their annual meeting to be held at the city of Washington, on the first Monday of March, in each and every year.

Books of account.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That said company is hereby empowered to purchase, lease, receive and hold real estate and water rights, which shall be deemed necessary for the use of said company, but all such real estate, and water rights or other property thus leased or purchased, and such real estate and water rights which are not donations, shall be leased or purchased by the company of the owner or owners of the same, at a price to be mutually agreed upon between them, and in case they cannot agree, or any of the owners be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the county in which the property wanted may be, application may be made to any Justice of the Peace of such county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant under seal, directed to the sheriff of said county requiring him to summon twenty disinterested inhabitants to meet at or near the land on the day named in the said warrant, not less than ten, nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same, and if any of the said persons do not attend, the said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary with the jurors in attendance to furnish a panel of twenty in attendance, and from the panel each party may strike four jurors, and if eight be not struck, the sheriff may strike as many as with those struck by the parties will make eight, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages; and before they act as such, the sheriff shall administer to them an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that he will honestly value the damages sustained by the said owner or owners by the use and occupation of the said land by the said company, and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing, and sign and seal the same and it shall then be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the county where the land may be, and by such clerk filed in his

Power to hold real estate.

In case of disagreement jury to be summoned.

Oath.