To John S. Selby Sheriff of Anne Arundel County.

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit:

Inquisition indented and taken the thirty first day of August 1838 before me the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County by virtue of a warrant for that purpose issued by Thomas G. Waters Esquire a Justice of the Peace in and for said County to me directed and herewith returned on the land mentioned and described in said warrant as the land of John Hamilton by the oath of Thomas O. Denny, Robert Franklin Alexander Franklin, Benjamin Wells, Gideon G. Tounge, William J. W. Compston John Clayton, John G. Rogers, Thomas Anderson, William Gardner and Nicholas E. Watkins and Amos Clarke, Jurors inhabitants of the said County not related to the parties nor in any wise interested selected from a panel of twenty Jurors by me duly summoned in virtue of the mandate of the aforesaid warrant in the following manner, Somerville Pinkney the agent of said Company and Thomas Parkin Scott Agent of the said John Hamilton each striking four names from said panel leaving the aforementioned Jurors each of whom being by me duly sworn according to law that he would condemn for the use of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company so much of said land as should be required for the location of said road and would faithfully justly and impartially value as well the lands condemned as also all the damages the owners thereof shall sustain by the construction of the Annapolis and Elk ridge Rail Road in over and through said lands according to the best of his skill and judgment and in such condemnation and valuation he will not spare any person for favor or affection nor grieve any person for malice hatred or ill will they do therefore upon their oaths as aforesaid condemn so much of the lands represented as belonging to the said John Hamilton aforesaid as of an absolute Estate in perpetuity as is contained within the lines of the annexed plat and by the metes and bounds and limits of the same and they do furthermore on their oaths aforesaid say that all the land so condemned as well as all and every other damage that the owner thereof will sustain by reason of the construction of the said Rail Road in through and over the lands of the said John Hamilton are of the value of one hundred and thirty five Dollars the above condemnation and valuation to include all the land between the line of the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road and the course of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road uniting with said road.

In Testimony whereof as well the Sheriff as the Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year first mentioned in this inquisition.

John S. Selby Sheriff (Seal)

Thomas O. Denny	(Seal)	John Clayton	(Seal)
Alex. Franklin	(Seal)	William Gardner	(Seal)
N. E. Watkins	(Seal)	Amos Clarke	(Sea)
Robert Franklin	(Seal)	Thomas Anderson	(Seal)
Gideon G. Tounge	(Seal)	John G. Rogers	(Seal)
Wm. J. W. Compton	(Seal)	Benjamin Wells	(Seal)

A Plat with the courses and distances metes and bounds of the lines including the land owned by James Hamilton occupied by the Annapolis and Elk ridge Rail Road beginning at a stake standing at Station No. 2 of the said Annapolis and Elk ridge Rail Road near the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road and running thence. From Line of division.

	Course.	Distances	Course	Distances
From R.W.	S 14° 30' W.	78	S 23 W.	100
4	S. 2° 30' W	102	23°	90
5	S. 11° E.	104	S. 2° W.	100
6	25° 30'	103	S. 13° E.	95
7	36° 45'	103	24° 30'	95
8	S. 41° E.	112	S. 39° E.	100
9 or 11	S. 61° E.	200 acres		

950
10.50
110 or 13 S 45 E

Acres at Washington Rail Road S 53 1/8 W. 150 ft.

October Term 1838. The within inquisition confirmed 30th October 1838.
Wm. S. Green Clerk.

Recorded the 1st day of January 1839.

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly taken from Liber W. S. G. No. 23 folios 383 &c one of the Land Records Books of Anne Arundel County

(Seal) In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Anne Arundel County Court this second day of October 1845.

Joseph H. Nicholson Clerk.

And thereupon a writ of Subpoena was accordingly issued against the said defendants to Anne Arundel County returnable to the next Term of the said Court to wit March Term 1846.

And afterwards to wit on the 7th day of March 1846 came the said defendant by its Counsel Thomas S. Alexander Esquire and filed in the said cause its answer to the said Bill in the words following to wit.

The Annapolis of the Annapolis and Elk ridge Rail Road Company to the Bill of Complaint of John Hamilton against this defendant in Chancery Exhibited. This defendant admits that condemnations were made of certain parcels of the Lands of the Complainant for the use of this defendant as in said bill is charged and as by the condemnations thereof of which copies are filed by the Complainant with his Bill will appear and that the inquisitions taken as aforesaid were duly ratified and confirmed by Anne Arundel County Court, whereby this defendant is advised it acquired an interest and Estate in said parcels of land and a right to use and occupy the same on payment or tendering to the Complainant the damages assessed to be paid to him as aforesaid, and this defendant avers that shortly