who may be named, to be served by the Sheriff, and returned by some day to be named in said order, not less than ten or more than twenty days from the day of the filing of said petition; or if the said owners are non-residents of the City of Baltimore, or are the unknown heirs of some deceased person or persons, the Court shall order the Sheriff to set up a copy of the summons upon the property, and shall order a notice to said non-resident or non-residents, or unknown heirs of such deceased person or persons, to be published twice a week for four successive weeks in two daily newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, requiring them to appear in said Court and defend their interests, on or before some day named in the order, which day shall not be less than six weeks nor more than eight weeks from the day of the filing of the petition to condemn; upon the return of the said summons, or upon the expiration of the time prescribed in the said order of publication, or upon the appearance of the owner or owners, or supposed owner or owners of said property, the Court shall hear and determine any reasons that may be alleged why said property shall not be lawfully condemned for the purpose set forth; and if it appears to the Court that any of such owners or reputed owners are under any legal disability to make his, her or their defense, the Court shall either authorize their duly constituted guardian or committee to appear and defend for them, or shall appoint some suitable person as guardian *ad litem* for them, to appear in their name and defend their rights; if the Court shall determine that the property is not subject to condemation at all, it shall quash the petition; if it shall determine the proceedings are void, for want of a proper notice or summons, which has not been cured by the appearance of the owners or reputed owners of the property, it shall order a resummons or a republication of the order of notice; the Court shall at any time have power to permit any amendments in matters of form; if there be no objections to the condemnation of said property, or if the Court shall decide against the validity of any such objection as may be alleged, it shall order and adjudge that such property be subject to condemnation, and refer the assessing of the value of the same to the Park Commissioners to make an award of the value of the said lot of ground, and of the interests of the several owners; as soon as conveniently may be, the said Park Commissioners shall assess the value of the property sought to be condemned in fee simple, and apportion the same among the owners of the different estates therein, according to the value of their respective interests, and return to the Baltimore City Court their award of the value of the said property and of the respective interests of the several owners thereof, under their hands, and give notice by advertisements twice a week for one week, in two of the daily papers of Baltimore, that such award has been returned to the Baltimore City Court, and that all persons having an interest therein may show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be confirmed during the ten days succeeding the filing of the said award; the said award shall be in Court

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