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261 Condemnation petitions were made by the State Highway Department of the State of Delaware to take private property for various types of construction projects.
270 Many of the State Highway Department condemnation petitions are accompanied by commissioners' returns which establish the amount of damages to be paid to land owners and include a survey of the affected property. Petitions show the name of the judge the petition was directed to, name of department, owner of the land to be condemned, location and description of the land, date, department seal, and signatures of the department Chairman and Secretary. The Application for the appointment of freeholders to assess land damages shows the date, the name of the department and property owner, names of five commissioners appointed to view the land and assess damages, and signature of the judge. The freeholders' return or report describes the property, gives the amount of damages and date of report, and has signatures of the commissioners. The accompanying survey shows the land to be taken and number of acres, location of the highway, names of adjoining property owners, and locations of roads, streets, streams, mills, and other features.

In addition, there are memorandums sent by the State Highway Department of the State of Delaware to confirm payment of damages to the former owners of the condemned lands. Each memorandum gives the amount of the payment, to whom is to receive the payment, the date in which the payment was made, and the signature of the secretary of the department.

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