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The Legislature of Maryland at the session of 1847, 48, created, the office of Agricultural Chemist by the following act:

CHAPTER 249.

An act entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of an Agricultural Chemist for the State.

SECTION. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall hereafter annually appoint and commission a person of ability, integrity and suitable practical and scientific attainments, as Agricultural Chemist for the State, and if the Senate shall have adjourned before the Governor shall make the appointment for the present year, or if a vacancy shall hereafter occur during the recess of the Senate, then the Governor alone shall make such appointment, which shall be good and valid until the tenth day after the meeting of the Senate.

SEC. 2. Be it enacted, That the State shall be divided into three districts ; the first shall comprise that part of the State now comprised in the first Gubernatorial district ; the second that of the third Gubernatorial district ; and the third that of the second Gubernatorial district.

SEC. 3. Be it enacted, That the said Agricultural Chemist, shall spend one year, the first beginning on the date of his appointment, in each of said districts in the order named, it shall also be his duty to spend one month in each county and Howard District, and visit each election district.

SEC. 4. Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of said Agricultural Chemist, to analyze specimens of each variety of soil of the county in which he shall be, that may be brought to him or that he may find to exist, and also to examine and if necessary analyze specimens of each kind of marl or other vegetable or mineral deposit that may come to his knowledge, in order that his instructions may be of more practical utility.

SEC. 5. Be it enacted, That it shall also be his further duty to deliver one public lecture, after having given timely notice thereof, in each election district in each county, and then to deliver a course of public lectures at each county town, and at some central place in Baltimore county, after having given also sufficient notice