

“He shall perform such of the duties now devolved by law upon the commissioner of immigration and the immigration agent as will promote the object for which those officers were appointed, and after his election and qualification the offices before mentioned shall cease to exist; and the superintendent of labor and agriculture shall devise and execute such further plans for effectually securing the immigration to Maryland of industrious and useful settlers as may seem expedient, or be prescribed by the General Assembly. He shall supervise all the State inspectors of agricultural products and fertilizers, and, from time to time, shall carefully examine and audit their accounts, and prescribe regulations not inconsistent with law tending to secure economy and efficiency in the business of their offices. He shall have the supervision of the tobacco warehouses and all other buildings used for inspection and storage purposes by the State, and may, at the discretion of the Legislature, have the supervision of all public buildings now belonging to or which may hereafter be erected by the State. He shall frequently inspect such buildings as are committed to his charge, and examine all accounts for labor or materials required for their construction or repair. He shall extend to and invite from the national department of agriculture such cooperation as may best promote the welfare of the people of this State, and he shall perform all such other duties as may be assigned to him by the General Assembly for the benefit of the industrial interests of Maryland; and for the discharge of such duties not hereinbefore specified, he may receive such compensation as may be declared by law. He shall make detailed reports to every General Assembly within the first week of its session in reference to each of the subjects committed to his charge, and he shall also report to the Governor, in the recess of the Legislature, all abuses or irregularities which he may find to exist.

“The office hereby established shall continue for eight years from the date of the qualification of the first incumbent thereof, after which it may be continued or abolished by the General Assembly.”

Mr. Giddings, in presenting the report, read an able