

in this State ; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and shall hold regular sessions in the city of Annapolis on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October in each year, and oftener if necessary, at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the Public Works of the State, and as the General Assembly may confer upon them the power to decide.

Sec. 2. They shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all Public Works in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor, and shall appoint the directors in every railroad or canal company in which the State has the legal power to appoint directors, which said directors shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders of every railroad or canal company in which the State is a stockholder ; they shall require the directors of all said Public Works, from time to time, and as often as there shall be any change in the rates of toll on any of said works to furnish said Board of Public Works a schedule of such modified rates of toll, and shall use all legal powers which they may possess to obtain the establishment of rates of toll, which may prevent an injurious competition with each other, to the detriment of the interests of the State, and so to adjust them as to promote the agricultural interest of the State ; they shall report to the General Assembly at each regular session, and recommend such legislation as they shall deem necessary and requisite to promote or protect the interests of the State in the said Public Works ; they shall perform such other duties as may be hereafter prescribed by law, and a majority of them shall be competent to act. The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer shall receive no additional salary for services rendered by them as members of the Board of Public Works.

Sec. 3. There shall be a Commissioner of the Land Office elected by the qualified voters of the State, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and on the same day in every sixth year thereafter, who shall hold his office for the term of six years from the first Monday in January ensuing his election ; the returns of said election shall be made to the Governor, and in the event of a tie between two or more candidates the Governor shall direct a new election to be held by writs to the Sheriffs of the several counties and of the city of Baltimore, who shall hold said election after at least twenty days notice, exclusive of the day of election ; he shall perform such duties as are now required of the Commissioner of the Land Office, or such as may hereafter be prescribed by law, and shall also be the Keeper of the Chancery Records ; he shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum,