

be paid to commissioner; must record certificates and issue patents; has custody of book of deeds transferred to him by clerk of Court of Appeals; also, of extracts of deeds from clerks of counties; may give certified copies thereof; shall keep record of such deeds and make indexes of them; must issue patents for confiscated lands; must order applicant to give notice by advertisement of application for a patent; is to issue patents; to determine disputes concerning surveys and issuing patents; may issue land, resurvey and escheat warrants; may determine caveats; must transmit annually to County Commissioners or Mayor of Baltimore, list of certificates ready for patents. He is appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for four years; salary, \$1,500 a year; he shall bond to the State, with security approved by the Governor, for \$2,000, and the bond shall be kept in the State department. Article 54, of the Code.

His term shall be during the term of the Governor, by whom he shall have been appointed, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. Time of appointment under general rule of fifty days from the commencement of the session of the Legislature. Article VII, sections 4 and 5, Constitution.

Commissioners to Take Acknowledgments.—The Governor may appoint one or more in each State, district and territory, who have authority to take acknowledgment of conveyances. They are appointed biennially by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; have a seal and authority to administer oaths. Commissioners may be appointed in foreign countries. Each commissioner has to pay ten dollars, and no commission is issued until it is paid. No bond. No exact day is set for the appointments. Shall hold their office as other civil officers similarly appointed. Article 18 of the Code.

Comptroller.—The term of office of the Comptroller begins on the second Wednesday of January, biennially; elected by the people; bond, \$50,000; salary, \$2,500; Governor to approve the bond, and it is to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Court of Appeals. The Comptroller must keep his office in Annapolis; shall make reports in January to Governor, or to the Legislature, if in session, of financial condition of State. He is to return estimate of receipts and expenditures for current year; to keep full and accurate books of revenues, expenditures, vouchers and correspondence; shall obtain reports from public officers relating to State's revenues and taxes; shall keep account with the Treasurer; shall examine Treasurer's accounts monthly; shall procure from bank where State funds are deposited, monthly statements of deposits and checks of Treasurer; shall keep an