

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. He qualifies before the Governor. The Comptroller must keep his office in Annapolis; shall make reports in January to the 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 abstract of every warrant; shall sign no blank warrants; shall keep a duplicate of every warrant; shall report to the Legislature claims against State for errors in payment of taxes, or sums paid into treasury; must express his opinion on such claims; shall deduct from claims due by State from sums due to State and pay difference; shall direct suits against bonds of defaulters; shall publish statement of accounts sixty days before general elections of all officers in arrears; must publish names of officers in arrears; shall see to publication by banks, of lists of unclaimed dividends and deposits; shall prepare blanks and deliver them to dealers; shall procure a stamp; shall prepare and stamp blank protests and take receipts therefor from notaries; shall furnish public printer statement of receipts and expenditures after each Legislature; shall adjust claims of State's Attorneys; shall set apart \$100,000 annually for the sinking fund; shall invest surplus revenue and stop overdue interest; cancel securities bought for sinking fund; apportion quarterly school fund; apportion for colored schools; apportion the school levy and school tax; furnish state-