

REPORT.

OFFICE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

BALTIMORE, *January 1, 1867.*

His Excellency,
THOMAS SWANN,

Governor of Maryland :

SIR:—The Commissioner of Immigration appointed under the Act of 1866, amongst other duties assigned him, is specially charged with that of inviting capital and labor into the State by means of immigration, and the method of his operations to accomplish this result is distinctly defined in sections 3 and 4, of the Article, as follows :

“He shall prepare and distribute, or cause to be prepared and distributed, both at home and abroad, such facts and information as may conduce to a complete, full and satisfactory understanding of the agricultural, mineral, manufacturing and general commercial resources of the State of Maryland, and shall keep always open to inspection in said office reliable exhibits of all property in the market for sale, with the terms annexed, as far as such information can be obtained, together with accurate maps and charts showing the location of such property and the relation in which it stands to railways now built or intended to be built, and such other facilities by means of navigable waters or otherwise, as may be deemed advantageous.

He shall, immediately after his appointment, open communication with such points, as well abroad as at home, as will advance the object of immigration to the State of Maryland ; and shall distribute, or cause to be distributed, from time to time, as opportunity occurs, such facts and information in regard to the agricultural, mineral, manufacturing and general commercial resources of the State of Maryland, and cause the same to be vigorously distributed, in such manner and at such points as may best conduce to the speedy increase of our population and the occupation of our lands by capital and labor.”

The appropriation to defray these expenses, as well as all others arising under the Act, is limited to two thousand dollars.”