

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of inquiring into the undeveloped resources of wealth of the State within the limits of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, the Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture may, with the concurrence of his co-Commissioners of the State Oyster Police force, require the commanding officer of said force to make such inquiries and examinations as will tend to develop the oyster fisheries, and preserve them as a permanent source of revenue to the State; and the said commanding officer shall frequently report the result of his investigation to the said Superintendent.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond to the State of Maryland, with security or securities, approved by the Governor, in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars, with condition that he will truly and faithfully discharge, execute and perform all and singular the duties of him required, and which may be required by the Constitution and laws; and the said bond shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and certified copies under seal of said Court, may be used in evidence in any Court in this State.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture shall keep his office in the city of Baltimore, and may rent a room for the transaction of his business, until other suitable accommodations are provided by law.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That the said Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture may employ an assistant, whose compensation shall be \$2,500 per annum; and also such clerks and runners as the business of his office may from time to time require, who shall be paid for their services out of the fund hereinafter appropriated.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That to enable the said Superintendent to perform the duties enjoined by the Constitution and by this Act, the sum of \$12,000 is hereby appropriated for the year 1868, and a like sum for the year 1869, to be paid upon the order of the Superintendent by the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Which were adopted,

And the bill, as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill entitled an Act to add additional sections to