

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 investigations 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 twenty-five hundred dollars 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 twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and a like sum for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, 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.

Approved March 30, 1868.