

Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture, out of the tobacco fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the sum of five thousand dollars, to carry into effect the provisions of the preceding Section and for the necessary repairs of tobacco warehouses Nos. two and three.

Auction room.

The Governor, as soon as the auction room provided for in the foregoing Section shall be fitted up and ready for use, shall appoint two persons who shall act as Auctioneers, one at least of whom shall be from the tobacco-growing counties of the State, who shall continue in office until the time next thereafter fixed for the appointment of all civil officers of this State, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, at which time and every two years thereafter he shall appoint two Auctioneers, as all other civil officers are appointed, who shall perform the duties prescribed in the succeeding Section.

Give bond.

550. The persons appointed as Auctioneers, according to the provisions of the preceding Section, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, shall give bond to the State in the penalty of ten thousand dollars each, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, as prescribed by this Act, to be approved by the Governor of the State and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and that a certified copy of such bond shall be evidence in any court of this State.

Duty of
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auctioneers.

551. It shall be the duty of said Auctioneers, or one or both of them, to attend at the auction room aforesaid on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from the hours of ten o'clock, A. M., to three o'clock, P. M., and offer at public sale any and all tobacco which the owners thereof or their agents shall request them to offer, and to sell the same to the highest bidder, the owner or agent of such owner being authorized to make one bid for the same; and when the highest bidder shall be other than said owner or his agent it shall be entered as sold to such bidder, and the sale shall be given by said Auctioneer making the sale to the owner or his agent for the same at the rates so returned by the said Auctioneer; and it shall be the duty of said Auctioneers to provide suitable books in