

the age of ten years, who shall appear by the written certificate of the said President and Directors, filed by them in the Office of the Comptroller, to have been sent by them to Africa, within the period of two months immediately preceding the date of such certificate; *Provided*, the said payments, per capita, under the provisions of this section, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars in any one year.

3*. The officers of said Society, shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for the removal of any free negro or free negroes, unless said free negro or free negroes shall have been bona fide residents of this State for the space of five years next preceding their removal.

ARTICLE XX.

Commissioners of Public Works.

The Commissioners of Public Works shall each receive a salary at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum, to commence from the time he qualifies by taking the oath of office.

ARTICLE XXI.

Commissioners to take Acknowledgments.

SEC. 1. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall biennially appoint and commission one or more Commissioners in each State, District or Territory of the United States, who shall have authority to take the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed or other conveyance or lease of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying in this State, or any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used and recorded in this State.

2. The said commissioners shall hold their office as other civil officers of this State appointed in pursuance of the fourteenth section of article second of the Constitution.