

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE—Annapolis
HALL OF RECORDS BUILDING

College Avenue and St. John's Street
 (All Terms Expire 1943)

Name.	Postoffice.
Commissioner:	
Henry W. Cord.....	Landover
Chief Clerk:	
Arthur Trader.....	Arnold
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The Commissioner of the Land Office is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor. (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 4.) All clerks are under the Merit System.

The Land Office is the State Record Office, pertaining to boundaries of land, and is the means by which discovered vacant land is passed by the State to the individual, and covers the period from the earliest to the present date. The Commissioner sits as a judge in contested disputes over vacant land, and there is a right of appeal direct to the Court of Appeals over his decision.

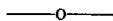
The duties of the Land Office, in regard to its clerical force, is to keep the indexing, answer the various questions that are daily brought to it by the mail, wait on the visiting public, and record the patents and certificates that are returned on the different kinds of warrants executed by the County Surveyors throughout the State.

Questions relating to confiscated British property.

Questions relating to Provincial Court Deeds, Chancery (Equity) Records to 1851 and original papers, Debt Books, Rent Rolls, Insolvent Proceedings and abstracts of Deeds, Mortgages and Releases of Mortgages for the Counties and Baltimore City.

Duplicate records of all deeds, mortgages and releases of mortgages throughout the State are filed in the Land Office, and it is the duty of the Commissioner to have them properly bound and indexed.

Photostating and blueprinting.



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Annapolis

Name.	Postoffice.
Superintendent:	
R. Chester Cromwell.....	Glen Burnie

The Superintendent and all officers in this department are appointed by the Governor. (Ch.551, 1906.)

The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds is the custodian of the State Capitol, Court of Appeals Building and Executive Mansion in the City of Annapolis.