

that the County Commissioners have paid the sum in full. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to relieve the owner or lessee of lands upon which fires may burn, or be started, from the duty of extinguishing such fires so far as may lie within his power. No such owner or lessee, nor person in the employ of such owner or lessee, shall receive any compensation from the State, or from the county, for fighting fires upon the lands of such owner or lessee.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That the State Board of Forestry is merely authorized to purchase land out of moneys standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve Fund, at a price exceeding five dollars (\$5) per acre if necessary, for the establishment of a State Forest Nursery for the purpose of growing forest trees for planting on the State Reserves, and for distribution to private land-owners at cost, to encourage tree planting.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That for the maintenance, use and extension of the work under the State Board of Forestry, and for forest fire protection, there is hereby appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be placed to the credit of the State Forest Reserve Fund.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the publication of forest reports and maps of the forest areas of the several counties of the State, to be placed to the credit of the Forest Reserve Fund.

SEC. 5. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1912.

CHAPTER 349.

AN ACT to authorize the Governor of the State of Maryland to appoint ten additional female notaries public for Baltimore county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor of the State of Maryland by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be and he is hereby authorized to appoint and commission ten female notaries public for Baltimore county in addition to the number now authorized by law.