

1904, art. 54, sec. 4. 1888, art. 54, sec. 3. 1860, art. 54, sec. 2.
1782, ch. 38, sec. 11.

4. He may issue summons for witnesses to testify in cases pending before him and may compel their attendance and may order depositions to be taken in writing on reasonable notice to the opposite party to be used in such cases.

Cited but not construed in *Cunningham v. Browning*, 1 Bl. 319.

Ibid. sec. 5. 1902, ch. 577, sec. 3 A.

5. All writs, attachments, orders and notices issued from the land office shall be served by the sheriffs of the respective counties and Baltimore city and return made thereon in the manner prescribed by the rules of the land office. The commissioner of the land office may make rules and regulations for the taking of depositions before the regular examiners of the circuit courts for the counties or Baltimore city, or any justice of the peace, for the summoning of witnesses and compelling their attendance. The pay of witnesses and the examiners or justices of the peace shall be the same as is provided for in equity cases. Any person authorized to take depositions shall have the authority to issue subpoenas for witnesses when directed to do so and the sheriff to whom they are directed shall serve the same and make returns as in chancery cases in the circuit court. The sheriffs of the counties and of Baltimore city shall collect all costs and judgments of the land office as other costs and judgments of the circuit courts are collected that may be placed in their hands for collection.

Ibid. sec. 6. 1888, art. 54, sec. 4. 1860, art. 54, sec. 3.
1853, ch. 415, sec. 2.

6. He shall keep a docket in the form of the dockets used in courts of equity of all disputed cases affecting the title to land, transcripts of which shall be evidence of the proceedings thereon.

This section referred to in distinguishing between the commissioner's ministerial and judicial duties. *Jay v. Van Bibber*, 94 Md. 693.

Ibid. sec. 7. 1888, art. 54, sec. 5. 1860, art. 54, sec. 4.
1853, ch. 415, sec. 2.

7. All papers filed in disputed cases affecting the title to land shall with the proceedings, adjudications and orders of the commissioner of the land office be duly recorded.

Ibid. sec. 8. 1888, art. 54, sec. 6. 1860, art. 54, sec. 5.
1853, ch. 415, sec. 2.

8. The commissioner of the land office shall be entitled to the same fees for recording such papers and proceedings as the clerks of circuit courts are for similar services.

As to the fees chargeable by the land office, see art. 36, sec. 13.

Ibid. sec. 9. 1888, art. 54, sec. 7. 1860, art. 54, sec. 6.
1853, ch. 415, sec. 3.

9. He shall keep a seal, and all process relating to proceedings in the land office shall issue under the seal of the land office attested by the commissioner.