

1906, ch. 412.

16. He shall have custody of all maps, books, records and papers connected with the office of the board of shell fish commissioners of the State of Maryland, which may be committed to his care and custody by the said board of shell fish commissioners, and shall safely keep them in some place reasonably free from accident by fire, and shall, whenever required to do so, cause copies thereof to be made under the seal of his said office, and shall receive and retain therefor fees at the same rate now charged for copies and searches for other papers in his office, and shall receive as compensation for his services and responsibility the sum of fifty dollars per month, which shall be in addition to the salary now allowed him by law as the commissioner of the land office; provided however, that the fees received by him for copies of papers, etc., shall, after paying the actual expense of the same, be turned over to the board of shell fish commissioners.

1904, art. 54, sec. 16. 1888, art. 54, sec. 14. 1874, ch. 66. 1894, ch. 191.

17. He shall receive and carefully file among the records of his office all extracts of deeds transferred to him by the clerk of the court of appeals under said act of 1874, chapter 66, and all such as shall be transmitted to him by the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and when he shall receive a sufficient number of such extracts from the same county to form a record book of the proper size, he shall cause the same to be well and substantially bound in leather and placed among the records of his office; and the comptroller of the treasury is hereby directed to issue his warrant for such sum or sums of money as from time to time may be necessary for the cost of such binding and for the purchase of index books and for the repair and rebinding of other record books in the land office, upon a certificate of the correctness of the same given by the commissioner of the land office, and the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated annually for said purposes.*

Ibid. sec. 17. 1888, art. 54, sec. 15. 1874, ch. 66. 1876, ch. 257. 1894, ch. 191. 1900, ch. 318. 1902, ch. 261.

18. He is authorized and empowered to continue the indexing of certain land records and extracts of deeds which were transferred to the land office from the court of appeals under the said act of 1874, chapter 66, and such extracts of deeds and mortgages and all other extracts of records of real estate as shall be received by him from the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city. He is also authorized to purchase, receive and collect books, papers, records, relics and other memorials connected with the early history of Maryland prior to the revolution, during and since the

*By the act of 1908, ch. 606, the commissioner of the land office is directed to have transcribed or rebound such records in his custody as may require the same, and an appropriation is made therefor.