

of its business as it may deem necessary. It shall annually compile and publish maps and statistics relating to the public roads of the State and showing the progress and status of the work done or entered upon by it and separately for the several counties. All maps, plans and statistics made, collected and compiled under its discretion shall be preserved in its office and shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State. All bills or claims on account of any of the work of the said commission or in any way relating to its duties or transactions shall be passed upon by the commission at a meeting of its members, and no claim involving the expenditure of more than fifty dollars, and no contract involving a larger expenditure than fifty dollars, shall be allowed or made except by a majority vote of all members of the commission at a meeting thereof; all contracts, agreements, grants, licenses made or entered into by the commission shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public. It shall be the duty of the members of the commission to travel over and personally inspect the public highways in the several parts of the State and the work being done on the same, in order that they may have, as far as possible, personal knowledge of the requirements of the several sections of the State in reference to the matter of roads as well as of the progress from time to time of the work of said commission.

As to public roads, see also, art. 25, sec. 88, *et seq.*

1908, ch. 141, sec. 32 B.

34. The commission created under this act is hereby authorized and directed to include in its work of improving the system of main roads of the State, the improvement of such portions of the main roads selected by said commission as a part of such system as lie inside the limits of the city of Baltimore, up to the old city limits, provided that on completion of such improvements, the portions of the roads so improved within the city limits shall be city streets under the provisions of the city charter. The said commission, in addition to the powers hereinbefore mentioned, shall have full powers and be charged with the full duties to select, construct, improve and maintain such a general system of improved State roads and highways, as can reasonably be expected to be completed with the funds herein provided in and through all the counties of this State. The said commission shall reach its conclusions as to the selection of the roads to be improved on or before May 1, 1909, and shall on or before that date file with county commissioners of each county for public inspection a certified copy of a map of the State showing plainly thereon the adopted system of main roads to be improved under this act, which map shall bear the written approval of the said commission. It may make all preliminary investigations; and do all such preliminary work as shall, in the judgment of such commission, precede the actual establishment, construction and improvement of said system of roads and highways; adopt and employ such means, methods or system of road construction, improvement and development as may, in its judgment, be best calculated to