

ARTICLE 54.

LAND OFFICE.¹**Commissioner—Powers and Duties.**

1. Commissioner a court of record.
2. Appointment and salary of chief clerk and assistant clerks.
3. Appointment and salary of clerk to complete indexing.
4. Summons for witnesses; taking depositions.
5. Writs, attachments, etc., to be served by sheriff.
6. Docket.
7. Papers to be recorded.
8. Fees for recording.
9. Seal.
10. Chancery records and ante-revolutionary papers.
11. Copies of chancery proceedings; fees.
12. Bond.
13. To record certificates and issue patents.
14. Land records; copies.
15. Maps, records, etc., of shell fish commissioners; copies.
16. Extracts of deeds transferred from clerks of courts to be filed and bound. Appropriation therefor. Such extracts to be indexed. Comptroller's warrants for costs thereof.
17. Authority of commissioner to continue indexing land records and deeds.
18. Appropriation of one thousand dollars annually for such costs.
19. British confiscated lands.
20. Advertisement of intent to apply under preceding section.
21. If not contested; if contested.
22. Hearing; *ex parte* determination; reasons to be filed.
23. Disputes before commissioner; decree.
24. Disputes in which commissioner is interested.
25. Vacant or escheated land.
26. Special and proclamation warrants; notice.
27. Where land lies in two counties.
28. Warrant of resurvey to add contiguous vacancy.
29. Warrant of resurvey where owner does not wish to add contiguous vacancy.
30. Notice of resurvey.
31. Surveyor's return to land office. Patent to be issued.
32. Escheat warrant.
33. To be executed within six months; no renewal after six months.
34. Payment for vacant or escheated land.
35. Amount due State to be lien upon land surveyed. Proceedings to enforce such lien.
36. First applicant entitled.
37. Value of land and improvements to be returned by surveyor; his omission to be no cause of caveat.
38. Certificate of survey returnable within six months.
39. Certificate to be recorded if correct; if incorrect to be corrected by surveyor.
40. When patent shall issue.
41. Caveats; when to be heard.
42. Costs of caveat.
43. Signature of governor; great seal.
44. Rules for conduct of surveyor.
45. Patents from government of Pennsylvania.
46. Accretion to land on navigable waters.

¹ Commissioner of land office is in executive department—art. 41, sec. 57.

As to appeals from commissioner of land office, see art. 5, secs. 88 and 89.

As to commissioners for bounding lands, see art. 15.

See art. 7, secs. 4 and 5, of the Md. Constitution.