

the same within thirty days. Any such person or corporation which shall neglect to make any such report within the time specified by the commission, or which shall fail to correct any such report within fifteen days after notice, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars and an additional penalty of ten dollars for each day after the prescribed time for which it shall neglect to file or correct the same, to be sued for in the name of this State. The amount recovered in such action shall be paid into the State treasury and be credited to the general fund. The commission may extend the time herein limited for cause shown.

Shall have power, either through its members or inspectors or employees duly authorized by it, to enter in or upon and to inspect the property, buildings, plants, factories, power-houses and offices of any such corporations or persons.

Shall have power to examine the books and affairs of any such corporation or person, and to compel the production before it of books and papers pertaining to the affairs being investigated by it.

Shall have plenary power to make all valuations of the lines, property, plant, franchises and assets of such corporations.

See notes to secs. 295, 304 and 346.

An. Code, sec. 454. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 40 (p. 386).

**400.** Every telegraph company or telephone company within the jurisdiction of this commission shall provide such service and facilities as shall be adequate, just and reasonable. All rates, tolls and charges used, made or demanded by any such telegraph company or telephone company for any telegraphic or telephonic communication or service shall be just and reasonable and not more than allowed by law or by order of the commission and made as authorized by this sub-title.

No telegraph or telephone company shall make or give any unjust or undue preference, or advantage in rates charged or demanded, or in any other respect whatsoever, or subject any particular person, corporation or locality to any unfair prejudice or disadvantage, but shall furnish equal facilities to their patrons and transmit all messages in the order in which they are received.

It shall be the duty of the commission to require that every telephone company, so far as it operates its lines and conducts its business in the State of Maryland, to furnish to its patrons reasonably good and adequate service in all respects. If in the judgment of the commission repairs or improvements to or changes in any telegraph or telephone line, apparatus, machinery, equipment or facilities, or any other property, used by any telegraph company or telephone company in connection with telegraphic communication or telephonic communication within the State, ought reasonably to be made, or any additions or alterations are necessary in order to promote the security or convenience of the public or employees, or in order to secure adequate service or facilities for telegraphic or telephonic communications, the commission shall, after a hearing either on its own motion or after complaint, make and serve an order directing such repairs, improvements, changes, additions or alterations, to be made within a reasonable time and