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1929, ch. 574, sec. 15.

15. The Conservation Commissioner shall, after examination and approval by him of such statement, transmit the same, together with all moneys received as royalties and rentals, to the Comptroller of the State of Maryland, with his verification. Any moneys arising under the provisions of this sub-title shall, by the Comptroller, be placed to the credit of the Conservation Fund; provided that all amounts in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid into the general funds of the State Treasury.

1929, ch. 574, sec. 16.

16. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring permission to extract rare earth and minerals from the public lands under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay, under this sub-title, must make application therefor to the Conservation Commissioner of the State, describing the location of the land under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay from which the rare earth and minerals are to be recovered, where possible by stakes driven at definite corners, or otherwise, so as to make practicable the survey provided for in the next following section; the application to be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10.

1929, ch. 574, sec. 17.

17. Upon receipt of such application and the payment of \$100, the Conservation Commissioner shall direct the Engineer of the Conservation Department to survey the land described. Said Engineer shall make an actual survey of the land at the expense of the applicant, establishing the location of the land by metes and bounds; and within thirty days thereafter file with the Conservation Commissioner a copy, under oath, of his field notes and plat. If the expense of said survey exceeds the amount of deposit, the applicant shall pay the difference, but in case the deposit is greater than the expense, then the Conservation Department shall refund the applicant the difference between the cost of survey and the amount deposited.

1929, ch. 574, sec. 18.

18. All applications made under this sub-title shall be approved or rejected by the Conservation Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, within ninety days after the receipt thereof. No such application made under this sub-title shall be approved by the Conservation Commissioner unless and until the same has been approved by the Board of Public Works of Maryland. And whenever the existence of any mineral or rare earth deposit under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay is brought to the attention of the Conservation Commissioner by an applicant, preference is to be given to the discoverer of the deposit as against any other applicant within the discretion of the Board of Public