

shall receive a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars a year; and after his election and qualification, the offices before mentioned shall cease.

Sec. 4. He shall supervise all the State Inspectors of agricultural products and fertilizers, and from time to time shall carefully examine and audit their accounts, and prescribe regulations not inconsistent with Law, tending to secure economy and efficiency in the business of their offices. He shall have the supervision of the Tobacco Warehouses, and all other buildings used for inspection and storage purposes by the State; and may, at the discretion of the Legislature, have the supervision of all public buildings now belonging to, or which may hereafter be, erected by the State. He shall frequently inspect such buildings as are committed to his charge, and examine all accounts for labor and materials required for their construction or repairs.

As to inspections, see art. 48 of the An. Code.

Sec. 5. He shall inquire into the undeveloped resources of wealth of the State of Maryland, more especially concerning those within the limits of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, which belong to the State, and suggest such plans as may be calculated to render them available as sources of revenue.

Sec. 6. He shall make detailed reports to every General Assembly within the first week of its session, in reference to each of the subjects committed to his charge, and he shall also report to the Governor, in the recess of the Legislature, all abuses or irregularities which he may find to exist in any department of public affairs with which his office is connected.

Sec. 7. The office hereby established shall continue for four years from the date of the qualification of the first incumbent thereof, and shall then expire, unless continued by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XI.

CITY OF BALTIMORE.

Section 1. The inhabitants of the City of Baltimore qualified by Law to vote in said city for members of the House of Delegates, shall on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, elect a person to be Mayor of the City of Baltimore, who shall have such qualifications, receive such compensation, discharge such duties, and have such powers as are now, or may hereafter be prescribed by Law; and the term of whose office shall commence on the first Monday of November succeeding his election, and shall continue for two years, and until his successor shall have qualified.¹

The fact that the Constitution mentions and recognizes the municipal corporation of Baltimore city does not make the charter of that city a constitutional one so as to place it beyond the legislative power; nature of municipal corporations. *Baltimore v. State*, 15 Md. 462.

This section and secs. 2, 7, 8 and 9, referred to in construing the Baltimore city charter (act of 1898, ch. 123), and in determining the power of the board of estimates, the city council and the mayor thereunder. *Baltimore v. Gorter*, 93 Md. 5.

This section referred to in construing art. 15, sec. 3, and art. 4, sec. 42—see notes to the former. *Smith v. Thursby*, 28 Md. 257. (See, also, dissenting opinions in this case.)

See art. 3, sec. 2, and art. 4, sec. 27, *et seq.*, Md. Constitution.

¹ Thus amended by the act of 1888, ch. 397.