

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1912, sec. 14. 1904, sec. 14. 1888, sec. 12. 1853, ch. 415, sec. 7.

13. He shall record all certificates that may be returned to the land office and issue patents thereon so soon as they are ready for patents.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1912, sec. 15. 1904, sec. 15. 1888, sec. 13. 1874, ch. 66.

14. He shall have custody of all books containing deeds and transfers of soldiers' lots and all other land record books and papers, including extracts of deeds transferred to him by the clerk of the court of appeals under the act of 1874, chapter 66, and of all the other extracts of deeds which shall be hereafter received by him, and shall give certified copies of such deeds and extracts and make searches for the same when so required, and shall receive and retain therefor fees at the same rate now charged for copies of and searches for other papers in his office.¹

The legislature cannot take away from the commissioner fees belonging to him after they have been earned. *Scharf v. Tasker*, 73 Md. 385.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15. 1912, sec. 16. 1906, ch. 412.

15. He shall have custody of all maps, books, records and papers connected with the office of the Conservation Commission of the State of Maryland, which may be committed to his care and custody by the said Conservation Commission, and shall safely keep them in some place reasonably free from accident by fire, and shall, whenever required to do so, cause copies thereof to be made under the seal of his said office, and shall receive and retain therefor fees at the same rate now charged for copies and searches for other papers in his office, and shall receive as compensation for his services and responsibility the sum of fifty dollars per month, which shall be in addition to the salary now allowed him by law as the commissioner of the land office; provided, however, that the fees received by him for copies of papers, etc., shall, after paying the actual expense of the same, be turned over to the Conservation Commission.²

An. Code, 1924, sec. 16. 1912, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 16. 1888, sec. 14. 1874, ch. 66. 1894, ch. 191.

16. He shall receive and carefully file among the records of his office all extracts of deeds transferred to him by the clerk of the court of appeals under said act of 1874, chapter 66, and all such as shall be transmitted to him by the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore City, and when he shall receive a sufficient number of such extracts from the same county to form a record book of the proper size, he shall cause the same to be well and substantially bound in leather and placed among the records of his office; and the comptroller of the treasury is hereby directed to issue his warrant for such sum or sums of money as from time to time may be necessary for the cost of such binding and for the purchase of index books and for the repair and rebinding of other record books in the land office, upon a certificate of the correctness of the same given by the commissioner of the land office, and the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated annually for said purposes.³

¹ By act, 1908, ch. 606, the commissioner of land office is directed to have transcribed or rebound such records in his custody as may require same, and an appropriation is made therefor.

² Formerly Board of Shell Fish Commissioners.

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