

inspectors, examiners, experts, clerks, stenographers and other assistants that may be employed shall be entitled to receive their actual necessary expenses while traveling on the business of the Commission. Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the person who incurred the expense, and allowed by the Commission. The Commission shall keep and maintain its main office and such branch offices as it shall deem proper and necessary for the administration of the article, and shall provide suitable rooms, necessary office furniture, supplies, books, periodicals and maps for the same. All necessary expenses shall be audited and paid out of the appropriation in the State Treasury provided for in this article. It shall provide itself with a seal for the authentication of its orders, awards and proceedings, upon which shall be inscribed the words "State Industrial Accident Commission, State of Maryland—Official Seal."

Each member of the Commission and each person appointed to office or employment by the Commission shall before entering upon the duties of his office or employment take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office.¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 6. 1912, sec. 6. 1914, ch. 800, sec. 6.

6. The Secretary of the Commission shall keep and maintain a full and true record of all proceedings of the Commission, of all documents or papers ordered filed by the Commission or by its rules, of decisions or orders made by any member of the Commission and of all decisions or orders made by the Commission or approved and confirmed by it and ordered filed, and he shall be responsible to the Commission for the safe custody and preservation of all such documents at its office. He shall have the power to administer oaths in all parts of the State, so far as the exercise of such power is properly incident to the performance of his duty or that of the Commission. He may designate, from time to time with the approval of the Commission, one of the clerks of the office appointed by the Commission to exercise the powers and duties of the secretary during his absence. Under the direction of the Commission, the secretary shall have general charge of its office, superintend its clerical business and perform such other duties as the Commission may prescribe.¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 7. 1912, sec. 7. 1914, ch. 800, sec. 7.

7. Each member of the Commission, the Secretary thereof, and any special examiner or inspector shall for the purpose contemplated by this article have power to issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, certify to official acts, take depositions within or without the State of Maryland as now provided by law, compel the production of pertinent books, payrolls, accounts, papers, records, documents and testimony.

If a person in attendance before the Commission or a Commissioner refuse, without reasonable cause, to be examined or to answer a legal and pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper when ordered to do so by the Commission, the Commission may apply to any Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or of the Circuit Court of any County, upon proof by affidavit of the fact, for a rule or order returnable in not less than two or more than five days, directing such person to show cause before

¹ This section amended by Ch. 732 of the Acts of 1939 but see footnote at beginning of this Article.