

kept and preserved as all other records in his office, and the said clerk, hereby authorized to be appointed, shall perform generally such other duties connected with the business of said commission, as the said commissioners may from time to time prescribe, and before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, well and truly to perform the duties of his office, which oath or affirmation may be administered by any one of the said commissioners, and certified by him, and recorded in the proceedings of the said commission.

9. Said commissioners shall have and exercise all the powers which are now possessed by the judges of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, to issue and compel process, for the attendance of witnesses, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county to serve such process, for which service, he shall be entitled to receive the same fees as are now allowed by law for like services, to be paid either by the parties interested or by the county, as the said commissioners may prescribe.

10. The said commissioners, shall cause public notice to be given in each of the newspapers published in Baltimore county, at least once a week for four weeks, and in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, at least once a week for four weeks, of their appointment, accompanied with such an abstract of the powers conferred upon them by this act, as shall fully inform the public of the object of such appointment; such notice shall particularly request and notify all persons, having original deeds or other instruments of writing or papers, which have been recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, the record of which has been wholly or partially destroyed by fire, to file the said originals with the clerk of the said Circuit Court, and shall also prescribe the time and place of sitting of the said commission, which shall be at the court house in said county.

11. In all cases, where in the judgment of the commissioners appointed by this act, any record in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, shall have been so burnt or defaced as to be wholly destroyed by fire, and the index to such record,