

quate compensation for the said property, and that it ought not to be doubted that the federal government, when the passions excited by the late unhappy civil war shall have subsided, will recognize the justice of the said claims and faithfully perform her manifest duty in regard to it, and further, that the general assembly ought to provide by law for the taking and perpetuating the evidence of the number and value of the persons held to labor and service as aforesaid, by the loyal citizens of Maryland, and so as aforesaid, discharged from such service and labor: therefore,

60. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate and previous to the adjournment of the present session, shall appoint one person of suitable character and ability, resident in each county of the state, and one in Baltimore city, who shall be styled a commissioner of slave statistics, and who, before entering upon the discharge of his duties hereinafter described, shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars to be approved by the clerk of the circuit court of each county, and of the superior court of the city of Baltimore, respectively, for the faithful performance of his duties as such commissioner, and subscribe to the following oath before the said comptroller, viz: I, ——, do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of commissioner of slave statistics to the best of my judgment and ability, according to the laws of the state of Maryland, so help me God. And any vacancy occurring by the death, resignation or other cause, of any of the commissioners so appointed, after the adjournment of the legislature, shall be filled by the governor of the state.

*Ibid s. 1*  
Governor to  
appoint com-  
missioners of  
slave statistics

Bond.

Oath.

61. The commissioners so appointed shall procure suitable printed blank forms or tabular statements, which when properly filled up or made according to the provisions of this act, shall exhibit the names of the former owners of slaves in their respective counties or districts at the time of the adoption of the constitution in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four,

*Ibid s. 2.*  
Commission-  
ers to obtain  
statements of  
names of slave  
owners, &c.