

herinafter provided, of all tobacco which, after inspection, the owners or their agents may desire and direct to be so offered, and that it shall be the duty of the said superintendent of labor and agriculture to cause the said auction room to be fitted up so as to provide safe and suitable places for keeping the samples of all tobacco, which the owners thereof or their agents may desire to have in such depository.

**Appropriation.** 549. The treasurer of the state upon the warrant of the comptroller, is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the order of the superintendent of labor and agriculture, out of the tobacco fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the sum of five thousand dollars, to carry into effect the provisions of the preceding section and for the necessary repairs of tobacco warehouses numbers two and three.

**Auctioneers.** The governor, as soon as the auction room provided for in the foregoing section shall be fitted up and ready for use, shall appoint two persons who shall act as auctioneers, one at least of whom shall be from the tobacco growing counties of the state, who shall continue in office until the time next thereafter fixed for the appointment of all civil officers of this state, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, at which time and every two years thereafter he shall appoint two auctioneers, as all other civil officers are appointed, who shall perform the duties prescribed in the succeeding section.

**Auctioneers' bond.** 550. The persons appointed as auctioneers, according to the provisions of the preceding section, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, shall give bond to the state in the penalty of ten thousand dollars each, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, as prescribed by this act, to be approved by the governor of the state and recorded in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and that a certified copy of such bond shall be evidence in any court of this state.

**Duty of auctioneers.** 551. It shall be the duty of said auctioneers, or one or both of them, to attend at the auction room afore-