

Collect all State papers. compensation, collect, arrange, classify, have charge of, and safely keep all papers, records, relics, and other memorials connected with the early history of Maryland, not belonging to any other office.

ARTICLE XVI.

LAND OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A court of record, power to punish for contempts, etc 2 Clerk to commissioner. 3 Commissioner may summon and compel attendance of witnesses, etc 4 Docket of disputed cases 5 Record of proceedings 6 Fees of commissioner 7 Seal and process 8 Bond of commissioner 9 Moneys payable on account of public lands, to account for 10 To record certificates and issue patents 11. To issue patents for British confiscated lands 12 Notice of application to be given 13 If no objection made, patent to issue, if objection, objections to be filed in writing 14 Within what time to decide 15. To determine disputes about surveys and patents 16 Who to act when commissioner disqualified 17 Who may take up vacant land or escheat land 18 Warrants for vacant or escheat lands 19 Where vacant or escheat lands in different counties | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Common, special, or proclamation warrants, pay for 21 Warrant of resurvey and adding contiguous vacancy 22 Warrant for resurvey without adding contiguous vacancy 23 Notice of execution to be given 24 When and how certificate to be returned. 25 When escheat warrant to issue 26 When to be executed 27 When to be paid by warrantees of vacant or escheat lands, failure to pay. 28 Priority 29 Value of escheat lands and improvements, how fixed 30 Return of certificate and renewal of warrant 31 Certificates of survey to be examined, corrected certificate 32 When patent to issue 33 When caveat to be determined 34 Commissioner to award costs 35 Patents, how signed and sealed 36 Commissioners to prescribe rules for surveyors 37 When lands on the Pennsylvania line may be patented |
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RIPARIAN RIGHTS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 38. Owners of land on navigable waters entitled to accretions, etc 39 Owners to have exclusive right to make improvements into waters | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 40. Patents not to affect rights of riparian proprietors, no patent for land covered by navigable water |
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KEEPER OF THE CHANCERY RECORDS.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 41 To certificate copies and proceedings of the late Court of Chancery in his keeping, fees | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 42 To transmit unfinished proceedings |
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LAND RECORDS AND EXTRACTS OF DEEDS.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 43 Custody of land records, extracts of deeds, etc, to give certified copies thereof, searches, fees | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 44 To receive and file extracts of deeds transmitted, indexes and bound record books, cost |
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Art 54, s 1
1853, c 415, s 1
Court of record,
power to punish
contempts, etc
42 Md 548, 80
Md 473.

1. The commissioner of the Land Office is hereby declared to be a court of record, with the same power to preserve order, punish contempts and enforce obedience to his orders and adjudications, as are possessed by any other court of record.