

2. The commissioner of the Land Office shall have power to appoint a clerk, who shall receive a salary of ten hundred dollars per annum.

1872, c 289
Clerk to commissioner
Salary

3. The said commissioner may issue summons for witnesses to testify in cases pending before him, and may compel their attendance, and may order depositions to be taken in writing on reasonable notice to the opposite party to be used in such cases.

Art 54, s 2
1782, c 38, s 11
Commissioner
may summon
and compel
attendance of
witnesses, etc

4. He shall keep a docket in the form of the dockets used in courts of equity, of all disputed cases affecting the title to land, transcripts of which shall be evidence of the proceedings thereon.

Id s 3
1853, c 415, s 2
Docket of dis-
puted cases

5. All papers filed in disputed cases affecting the title to lands shall, with the proceedings, adjudications and orders of the commissioner of the Land Office, be duly recorded.

Id s 4
1853, c 415, s 2
Record of pro-
ceedings

6. The commissioner of the Land Office shall charge the same fees for recording such papers and proceedings as the clerks of Circuit Courts charge for similar services.

Id s 5
Const art 7, s 4
1853, c 415, s 2
Fees of com-
missioner

7. He shall keep a seal, and all process relating to proceedings in the Land Office shall issue under the seal of the Land Office, attested by the commissioner.

Id s 6
1853, c 415, s 8
Seal and pro-
cess.

8. He shall give bond to the State of Maryland with security to be approved by the governor, and kept in the State department, in the penalty of two thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Id s 7
1853, c 415, s 5
Bond of com-
missioner

9. All moneys payable to the State on account of the public lands shall be paid to the commissioner of the Land Office, whose receipts therefor shall be a good acquittance to the party paying the same, and the said commissioner shall keep an account of all such payments in a book kept for the purpose, and shall account semi-annually with the comptroller on oath and pay over to the treasurer all such moneys so received.

Id s 8
Const art 7, s. 4.
1853, c 415, s 5
Moneys payable
on account of
public lands

To account for

10. He shall record all certificates that may be returned to the Land Office and issue patents thereon, as soon as they are ready for patents.

Id s 9
1853, c 415, s 7
To record certifi-
cates and issue
patents

11. Upon application in writing of any person claiming to be entitled to any of the British confiscated lands sold by the commissioners appointed under the authority of this State to preserve and sell British confiscated property, the title to which still remains in the State, and praying that title thereto may be granted to him, and upon satisfactory proof submitted to the commissioner of the Land Office that such applicant is entitled to receive title thereto, the said commissioner shall issue a patent for such land to the person appearing to him to be entitled thereto

Id s 10
1780, c 45, 51,
1781, c 37, 1852,
c 361, s 1
To issue patents
for confiscated
lands

23 Md 211, 31
Md 113, 33 Md.
93, 43 Md 23

12. Before issuing any patent under the preceding section, the said commissioner shall order the party applying therefor to cause to be inserted in one or more newspapers published in the county or city where the land lies, if there be a newspaper published therein, at least once a week for three successive weeks, an advertisement setting forth the object of the application, and describing therein

Id s 11
1852, c 361, s 1
Notice of appli-
cation to be
given