

quired, give a certified copy of any record in his office to any person applying for the same, the said person paying the usual fees therefor.

Id s 6  
1801, c 86, s 6  
In case of death  
register to be  
deposited with  
clerk of court

6. In case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of a notary, his register and other public papers shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which he may reside, or if he reside in the city of Baltimore, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of said city, within sixty days after such death, disqualification, resignation, or removal.

Id s 7  
1801, c 86, s 7  
Seal

7. Every notary shall provide a public notarial seal, with which he shall authenticate his acts, instruments, and attestations, on which seal shall be engraved such device as he may think proper, and for legend shall have the name, surname, and office of the notary, and the place of his residence.

Id s 8  
1801, c 86, s 10  
Special acts.

8. A notary may perform such special acts proper to be done by a notary public to which he may be required in any other county of the State than that for which he may be appointed

1862 c 108  
Issuing  
unstamped  
protests

9. It shall not be lawful for any notary public to sign and issue any protest not previously stamped with the stamp of the comptroller; and any notary public who shall violate this provision shall, for every such offence, be liable to a fine of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the Circuit Court for the county, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, as the case may be, one-half for the use of the State and one-half for the informer; but in no action or other proceeding in law or equity shall any protests be rejected as evidence, if otherwise admissible, on account of the absence of the stamp of the comptroller therefrom.

Penalty

Evidence.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS, ETC.

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| 1 Governor to appoint commissioners, their authority           | 6 Secretary of state to certify to qualifications           |
| 2 Tenure of office   | 7 Governor may appoint commissioners in any foreign country |
| 3 Oath, official seal  | 8 Oath  |
| 4 Authority to administer oaths                                | 9 Commissioners to pay tax                                  |
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Art 21, s 1  
1837, c 97, s 1,  
1852, c 106, s 1  
Governor to  
appoint

Authority of  
commissioners

1. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall biennially appoint and commission one or more commissioners in each State, District or Territory, of the United States, who shall have authority to take the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed or other conveyance or lease of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying in this State, or any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used and recorded in this State.