

are repealed, annulled and made void, except in cases where the companies incorporated by any of such charters have erected works and commenced the manufacture of gas.

HEALTH AND SANITARY OFFICERS.

1882, ch. 186. 1884, ch. 512. 1886, ch. 53.

117. The county commissioners are authorized to appoint annually three experienced physicians, one a resident of Canton, one a resident of Catonsville, and one a resident of Towson, who shall act respectively as sanitary officers for Canton and vicinity, Catonsville and vicinity, Towson and vicinity; and they shall have power to remove them upon their failure or neglect to perform their duties, and to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time in said offices; and said sanitary officers shall be entitled to receive, respectively, from the county commissioners the sum of three hundred dollars annually, payable in quarterly instalments.

Ibid.

118. They shall have the general care of the sanitary interest of the residents of Canton, Catonsville, Towson, and their several vicinities. They shall make sanitary investigations and inquiries respecting the cause of disease, especially epidemics, and the causes of mortalities; they shall inquire into and investigate all nuisances affecting the health of the citizens of Canton, Catonsville, Towson, and their vicinities, and for this purpose they are authorized to go upon any premises or into any house in Canton, Catonsville, Towson, and their vicinities; and upon a full report of either of them to the county commissioners, of the existence of any public or private nuisance in Canton, Catonsville, Towson, and their vicinities, they are authorized and empowered, upon the approval and direction of the said county commissioners, to apply to the circuit court for Baltimore county, or to either of the judges of said court, by bill or petition, in the name of either of said sanitary officers, for an injunction to restrain and prevent such nuisance; or upon the said report of said sanitary officers of the existence of a nuisance, either of said sanitary officers may be directed by the county commissioners to give notice to the owner or occupier of any land or premises upon which said nuisance may exist, to remove the same within forty-eight hours