

mission composed of the Governor, the comptroller, the president of the Johns Hopkins University and the president of the Maryland Agricultural College, who shall serve without compensation, but shall be re-imbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties ; and the said commissioners shall have general charge of the survey, and shall appoint as superintendent of the same a geologist of established reputation, and upon his nomination such assistants and employes as they may deem necessary ; and they shall also determine the compensation of all persons employed by the survey, and may remove them at pleasure.

1896, ch. 51.

**20.** The survey shall have for its objects :

(1.) An examination of the geological formations of the State, with especial reference to their economic products, viz : building stones, clays, ores and other mineral substances.

(2.) An examination and classification of the soils and a study of their adaptability to particular crops.

(3.) An examination of the physical features of the State, with reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the people.

(4.) The preparation of special geological and economic maps to illustrate the resources of the State.

(5.) The preparation of special reports, with necessary illustrations and maps, which shall embrace both a general and detailed description of the geology and natural resources of the State.

(6.) The consideration of such other scientific and economic questions as, in the judgment of the commissioners, shall be deemed of value to the people of the State.

Ibid.

**21.** The commissioners shall cause to be prepared a report to the legislature before each meeting of the same, showing the progress and condition of the survey, together with such other information as they may deem necessary and useful or as the legislature may require.