

to employ men qualified for their respective positions ; to procure the requisite facilities and equipment necessary for the proper performance of the duties herein imposed, and to offer means of support for investigation in addition to the inspection work of the State officers, and the dissemination of information that will promote the horticultural and agricultural interests of this State.

1898, ch. 289, sec. 65.

**67.** The comptroller is hereby authorized to issue his warrant upon the treasurer of the State for the said sum of eight thousand dollars annually out of any funds not otherwise appropriated ; said sum of money shall be payable to the Maryland Agricultural College on or before the first of October of each fiscal year.

#### **Tree and Fruit Inspectors—The Yellows.**

1892, ch. 639, sec. 1. 1902, ch. 148, sec. 66.

**68.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or allow to be and remain on his lands or premises, in the State of Maryland, any peach, almond, apricot, nectarine or other tree infected with the contagious disease known as the Yellows, or to offer for sale or shipment, or to sell or ship to others any such trees or the fruit thereof in any form ; and any person convicted before any justice of the peace of selling or shipping said trees or the fruit thereof in any form, knowing the same to be so diseased, or after he shall have been notified thereof by an inspector, shall be fined a sum not exceeding ten dollars and costs, and upon failure to pay the same shall be confined in the county jail for a term not exceeding thirty days.

1892, ch. 639, sec. 2.

**69.** The trees and fruit so infected shall be subject to destruction as public nuisance as hereinafter provided, and no damages shall be awarded in any court of this State or by any justice of the peace thereof against any person or persons for entering upon lands or premises and destroying such diseased trees and fruit if done in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title, and it shall be the duty of every person as soon as he becomes aware of the existence of such disease in any tree or fruit owned by him to forthwith destroy by burning the same or cause it to be destroyed by burning.