1888, art. 85, sec. 2. 1860, art. 86, sec. 2. 1805, ch. 65, sec. 50. 1843, ch. 284, sec 1.

2. He shall record all commissions to civil officers issued by the governor in a book to be kept by him for that purpose and shall transmit the same to the clerks of the several circuit courts for the counties and of the superior court of Baltimore city.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1860, art. 86, sec. 3. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 4.

3. He shall preserve the reports of the clerks of said courts, transmitted to him from time to time, of the qualification of officers and shall be competent to certify to their character and qualification equally with the said clerks.

Ibid. sec. 4. 1874, ch. 483, sec. 141.

4. The secretary of State shall furnish to the comptroller, annually, a list of all officers who have been reported to him by the several clerks as having qualified by taking the oath of office.

Ibid. sec. 5. 1874, ch. 1.

5. The governor is authorized and empowered, in case of the sickness or absence of the secretary of State, to appoint, temporarily, an assistant to the secretary of State, who shall be empowered to discharge all the duties imposed by law upon said secretary during his illness or absence from the seat of government; and the governor is authorized to pay, out of the executive contingent fund, for such services, a salary not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

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1900, ch. 240. sec. 1.

6. It shall be the duty of the secretary of State to accurately prepare and publish annually, on December thirty-first of each year, a manual of the State of Maryland.

Ibid. sec. 2.

7. Said manual shall consist of not less than fifteen hundred copies in each year, five hundred of which shall be bound in cloth and shall contain a copy of the charter and constitution of the State, a complete list of members of the legislature, with their postoffice addresses, the names and addresses of all State and county officers elected by the people, as well as those appointed by the governor and the board of public works; a brief summary of the duties of the several State