

discharge of his duties said officer shall take and subscribe before the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city the oath or affirmation required by the sixth (6th) section of article one (1) of the constitution, and shall also give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

1894, ch 248, sec. 2.

204. It shall be the duty of the said fire marshal to examine into the causes, circumstances and origin of all fires occurring within the State to which his attention may be called and which in his judgment require examination; and in making said examination the said fire marshal may, when in his judgment said proceedings are necessary, take the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts, or to have the means of knowledge in relation to the matters herein required to be examined and enquired into, and cause said testimony to be reduced to writing; and when in his judgment such examination discloses that the fire was of incendiary origin, he may cause the supposed incendiary to be arrested and charged with the crime; and shall transmit a copy of the testimony so taken to the State's attorney for the county or city wherein said fire occurred; and upon request of the owner or insurer of any property destroyed or injured by fire, the said fire marshal shall make a written report to the person requesting the same of the result of the examination made by him regarding said property; and said fire marshal shall annually report to the governor the result of all examinations made by him.

Ibid. sec. 3.

205. The fire marshal shall have power to subpoena witnesses, and to compel their attendance before him to testify in relation to any matter which is by law a subject of inquiry and investigation by him, and shall also have power to cause to be produced before him such papers as he may require in making such examinations; he is authorized to administer oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before him; and false swearing in any matter or proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such; and he shall have authority at all times of the day or night, in the performance of the duties imposed upon him, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire shall