

successor shall be chosen. He may be removed from office at any stated or special meeting of the board whenever in the judgment of the directors the public interest may require such removal, and in the event of the office becoming vacant by removal, death or resignation the directors shall make a new appointment for the unexpired term of the late incumbent.

1888, art. 27, sec. 392. 1860, art. 73, sec. 4. 1837, ch 320, sec. 11.

551. Before entering upon the duties of their office the directors shall each take an oath that he will well and faithfully execute and perform the duties appertaining to his office according to the laws of this State and the rules and regulations adopted for the government of the penitentiary, and that he will not during his connection with said penitentiary sell to or buy from the said institution or its authorities, directly or indirectly, any article or thing whatever, and any director swearing falsely in the premises and being convicted thereof in due course of law shall suffer as in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury; and any director who shall act in his office before taking said oath shall upon conviction thereof in the criminal court of Baltimore forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars to and for the use of the said penitentiary, to be recovered in the name of the State.

Ibid. sec. 393. 1860, art. 73, sec. 5. 1837, ch. 320, sec. 4.
1838, ch. 400, sec. 1. 1892, ch. 44.

552. The warden of the penitentiary shall annually appoint, subject to the approval of the board of directors, an assistant warden, a bookkeeper, physician and matron, and as many deputy keepers, guards or other officers as he may deem necessary for the service of the institution, and shall also regulate and determine their respective duties as far as may be consistent with law.

Ibid. sec 394. 1860, art. 73, sec. 6. 1837, ch. 320, sec. 11.

553. If any officer employed in said penitentiary shall, in taking the oath prescribed by said directors, swear falsely, he shall, upon conviction thereof in due course of law, suffer as in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury; and any officer who shall act in his office before taking said oath and filing bond as required shall upon conviction thereof in the criminal court of Baltimore forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars, to be recovered and applied as directed in section 551.