

clerk upon a salary of \$1,200 a year and such assistants, not exceeding six in number of graded salaries, to be named by the commissioners, not to exceed \$1,000 a year for any of such assistants, as they deem necessary to aid them in the proper performance of their duties as prescribed in this Act. They shall also be allowed to employ a competent surveyor, who shall also be a hydrographic engineer, upon a salary to be named by said commissioners, not exceeding \$2,500 a year. All salaries, outlays and disbursements authorized by this Act shall be paid out of the General Treasury of the State of Maryland, upon requisitions made by the Shell Fish Commissioners, endorsed by the Comptroller of the State, but the same shall be repaid out of the first revenues arising from the leasing of lands for oyster culture, contemplated by this Act. The commissioners shall, immediately after their appointment, file in the office of the clerk of the Court of Appeals separate bonds, with a surety or sureties to be approved by the State Treasurer in the sum of \$25,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed by this Act. The said commissioners shall take and subscribe before the Governor of the State the official oath prescribed by the Constitution.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the commissioners shall keep at their office in the city of Baltimore books of record in which shall be recorded all leases, assignments and other conveyances of land, to be used for the planting or cultivation of oysters in accordance with this Act. A set of clear and simple forms for all subsequent conveyances of any kind shall be prepared by the commissioners under the direction of the Attorney General, and no title shall be vested in any lessee or any transfers of any interest or estate acquired under this Act until the conveyance or conveyances evidencing such leases or transfers shall have been recorded in the office of the Shell Fish Commissioners.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the Shell Fish Commissioners shall, as soon as they duly qualify, cause