

value to the amount of their bond ; and it shall be the duty of said commissioners, before approving the bond of any treasurer as hereinbefore mentioned, to cause the records of the county to be searched by their counsel or by some competent person, for the purpose of ascertaining the sufficiency of such bond so presented for approval, and the person making the search shall, under oath, report to the said commissioners the result of such examination. The said commissioners may at any time demand of any treasurer such other or further bond, with such other or further security, as in their judgment the interests of the state or said county may require.

Duty of commissioners.

Demand further bond.

Treasurer's office.

Two days in each district.

Notice.

SEC. 197. The county commissioners shall appoint and furnish the treasurer an office in the courthouse building, or in some other building as near to the same as possible, in the city of Annapolis, which office shall be plainly designated as the office of the county treasurer by external sign ; and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep his said office open from ten o'clock in the forenoon until three o'clock in the afternoon, and to attend therein for the transaction of business, in person or by deputy, on every day in the week except Sundays and legal holidays, and except when he is absent from the city of Annapolis for the purpose of collecting taxes, as hereinafter provided for. It shall be his duty to attend, in person or by deputy, in each election district of said county two days between the first day of July and the first day of September, in each year, to collect and receive taxes, and at a different place in each of said districts on each of said two days respectively given to each district ; the times and places of such visits he shall make known not less than two weeks in advance by hand-bills announcing the same conspicuously posted in three public places in each election district of said county, and by advertisements in two newspapers published in said county ; and such hand-bills and advertisements, and the tax-bills hereinafter mentioned, shall also contain a brief abstract of the provisions of section one hundred and ninety-eight of this article, relating to discounts to be allowed and interest to be charged on tax-bills ; and the said treasurer shall also keep a brief notice in two newspapers published in said county, announcing where his office may be and where he can be found therein, and announcing also briefly the pro-