

several counties to assist them in the collection of the necessary statistics and information, and in the verification of the same; and the said board of commissioners shall procure, at the expense of the State, such maps and other drawings as may be necessary to properly illustrate the geographical, topographical, physical, agricultural and other conditions of the State appertaining to the functions of this bureau.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the State superintendent of immigration to visit Europe once in each year for the purpose of soliciting immigration to this State and remain at least four months in the prosecution of his work visiting the different countries, having always a due regard to the character, circumstances and desirability of the immigrants solicited or contracted with; during the remainder of the year he may devote such time as he may be able to absent himself from his office to the personal solicitation of immigration from the other States of the Union and from Canada, and he may adopt such means of advertisement to that end as may commend themselves to his judgment, keeping himself always in his expenditures for this and other purposes within the appropriation for the support of this bureau.

Duties of
superintendent.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Immigration Commissioners shall have power to make contracts with railroads, steamship lines, transportation companies and masters of vessels, securing a low rate of transportation to immigrants, and to make the necessary arrangements for their reception and temporary accommodation upon their arrival at Baltimore or other points in the State, until they can be distributed and located in the different counties of the State.

Contracts
with rail-
roads, etc.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Immigration Commissioners shall meet quarterly at their office in Baltimore city, and at such other times as they may determine for the purpose of promoting the work for which this bureau is organized; and they shall make an annual report to the Governor, to be by him laid before the General Assembly at each regular session; said report shall contain an itemized statement of all money received by the board, and to whom and for what purpose paid (the vouchers for which expenditures shall be filed in the office of the bureau), the results attained or expected to be attained, the statistics of immigration and other kindred information, together with such suggestions as the board may think proper to make.

Meetings and
report of
board.