

before the State Auditor, or shall refuse to answer upon oath touching the conduct of such officers, or as to the books and accounts of said offices shall, on indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, in the discretion of the Court; provided, however, that the examination of the books shall be made in the offices of the different officers whose books are to be examined. CHAP 257.
Penalty.

220. In case the State Auditor shall fail to make the annual report herein provided for, or shall in other respects wilfully fail or neglect to perform the duties herein provided for, he may be removed from office by said Board of Public Works, or a majority of them. In the event of the death, resignation, refusal to act or removal of said officer the Board of Public Works shall have the authority to fill such vacancy. Removal
from office,
etc.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1902.

CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster to issue its bonds or certificates of indebtedness to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of providing that amount of money to enable the said Mayor and Common Council of Westminster to subscribe for and purchase capital stock of the Washington, Westminster and Gettysburg Railroad Company, of Maryland, of the par value of fifty dollars per share, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster in sums of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars each, to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the clerk of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, and said bonds shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the Common Council of Westminster, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, bearing interest at the rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, the interest thereon to be paid semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each and every year, and each of said bonds be payable thirty years after date to bearer, Authorized
to
issue bonds.