

and laborers; provided, however, the expenditures therefor will not impair the special fund mentioned in sections 576 and 777 of this Article so as to prevent its sufficient application to the purposes provided for in said sections.

Physicians to the Police Force.

771. They are authorized to appoint and commission, annually, three physicians of integrity and capacity, residents of Baltimore City, and who shall have practised medicine therein for at least three years next preceding the date of their commission, to act as physicians of the Police Department of said City, under such rules and regulations as the said Board may from time to time prescribe for their conduct.

772. The duties of the said physicians shall be to examine thoroughly all applicants for position in the police force of Baltimore City, and to test their entire fitness in every respect for such position; to visit all policemen, turnkeys, detectives, officers of police and clerks of said force, who may be returned as sick, and to report their condition to the said Board; to visit and professionally attend any and all of the said persons who may be injured or disabled in the performance of their duties as members of the said force; to thoroughly examine and report to the said Board the physical condition of each and every member of said force, who may, upon his own application, or who the said Board may think should be retired from the said force and be pensioned under this sub-division of this Article, and to perform all such other and further professional duties in connection with the said department and force as the said Board may from time to time deem necessary and prescribe for them.

773. The annual salary of each of the said physicians shall be the sum of one thousand dollars, payable in equal monthly instalments, but the tenure of office of the said physicians, and of each of them, shall be determinable within the appointed year, by a majority of the said Board, and in their exclusive discretion; and the said physicians, and each of them, shall be compensated only up to the time of such determination at the rate of the annual salary aforesaid.