## [52. Powers of State Board generally.

The State Board of Agriculture shall investigate the conditions surrounding the breeding, raising and marketing of livestock, and the products thereof, and contagious and infectious diseases affecting the same; the raising, distribution and sale of farm, orchard, forest and nursery products, generally, and plant diseases and injurious insects affecting the same; the preparation, manufacture, quality, analysis, inspection, control and distribution of animal and vegetable products, animal feeds, seeds, fertilizers, agricultural lime, agricultural and horticultural chemicals, and biological products; and shall secure information and statistics in relation thereto and publish such information, statistics and the results of such investigations at such times and in such manner as to it shall seem best adapted to the efficient dissemination thereof; and expect where such powers and duties are by law conferred or laid upon other boards, commissions or officials, the State Board of Agriculture shall have general supervision, direction and control of the herein recited matters and generally of all matters in any way affecting or relating to the fostering, protection and development of the agricultural interests of the State, including the encouragement of desirable immigration thereto, with power and authority to issue rules and regulations in respect thereof not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State or the United States, which shall have the force and effect of law, and all violations of which shall be punished as misdemeanors are punished at common law; and where such powers and duties are by law conferred or laid on other governmental agencies the State Board of Agriculture and such other governmental agencies may cooperate in the execution and performance thereof, and when so cooperating each shall be vested with such authority as is now or may hereafter by law be conferred on the other. The powers and duties herein recited shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any power and duties which now are or hereafter may be conferred or laid upon said Board.

## **▶**53. Reports of Board.

The State Board of Agriculture shall make a written report to the General Assembly of Maryland at the beginning of its regular sessions of the work performed by it and of its receipts and expenditures, and of such other matters as the Governor shall direct; and shall also make reports to the Governor at such times and upon such matters as he shall direct.

## 54. Assistance in enforcement.

The [State Board] Secretary of Agriculture is empowered to call upon all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, policemen and other officers of the City of Baltimore, or of any county, for information and assistance to carry out and enforce the provisions of [its] his rules and regulations and it shall be the duty of all such named officers to obey and observe all orders and institutions which they may receive from said [Board] Secretary for the enforcement of all the provisions of this article within their respective jurisdictions, and they shall be paid as for the performance of similar duties under existing laws.