

4. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FUND. THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED. ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE PAID INTO THE FUND.

5-209.

The Commissioners may request, and upon request shall receive from the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, all legal counsel and services necessary to carry out the purposes of the Commission.

5-210.

The Commission may receive and the State may pay over and transfer to the Commission, from time to time, moneys or property to carry out the purposes of the Commission.

5-211.

The Commission, [subject to approval of the Secretary,] may procure, sell, convey, assign, lease, or otherwise purchase, transfer, or dispose of any property acquired or held by it and enter into any contracts incident thereto, including but not limited to the authority to lease properties for residential or commercial use, for such term and such conditions as the Commission deems appropriate; except that leases made by the Commission shall be in immediate furtherance of the purposes of the Commission and not merely for investment purposes; and except that valuable lands and buildings transferred to the Commission by the State or purchased by the Commission with funds provided by the State shall not be conveyed or disposed of without the approval of the Board of Public Works. For the purposes of this section the term "valuable" shall mean any property or thing in excess of \$5,000.00 in value.

5-212.

[(a) The Nature Conservancy may submit to the Department a proposal outlining an area in which the Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with or on behalf of the St. Mary's City Commission, has secured or is considering securing title or other legal interest. The proposal shall include the location, acreage, explanation of planned use, and explanation of values which make the acreage of interest to the State.

(b) Within three months after receipt of the proposal, the Secretary shall report to the Nature Conservancy his recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of the proposal in relation to the aims of the St. Mary's City Commission, with copies to the Board of Public Works, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.]

[(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Part III of Title 4, Subtitle 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, and subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with other provisions of this [article] SUBTITLE regarding the HISTORIC St. Mary's City Commission, the COMMISSION, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE Secretary, may enter into agreements with [the Nature Conservancy for the State to acquire] PRESERVATION LAND TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS, AND OTHER