

Commissioner of Insurance.—Must see that the laws relating to insurance are faithfully executed. He is appointed by Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer; term, four years; salary, \$2,500; persons interested directly in insurance business not eligible. He is allowed actuary and clerical assistance; bond \$20,000. Code does not say how or to whom. Article 23, of the Code.

Commissioner of the Land Office.—The office is a court of record; commissioner has power to punish contempt and enforce obedience; may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses; may order depositions in writing to be taken; must keep docket; record papers and orders; keep seal and issue process under it; has charge of the records of the Court of Chancery and ante-Revolutionary papers; may certify copies thereof; must account to Comptroller for public money; monies for public lands are to be paid to commissioner; must record certificates and issue patents; his custody of book of deeds transferred to him by clerk of Court of Appeals; also, of extracts of deeds from clerks of counties; may give certified copies thereof; shall keep record of such deeds and make indexes of them; must issue patents for confiscated lands; must order applicant to give notice by advertisement of application for a patent; is to issue patents; to determine disputes concerning surveys and issuing patents; may issue land, resurvey and escheat warrants; may determine caveats; must transmit annually to County Commissioners or Mayor of Baltimore, list of certificates ready for patents. He is appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for four years; salary, \$1,500 a year; he shall bond to the State, with security approved by the Governor, for \$2,000, and the bond shall be kept in the State department. (Article 54, of the Code)

His term shall be during the term of the Governor, by whom he shall have been appointed, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. Time of appointment under general rule of fifty days from the commencement of the session of the Legislature. (Article VII, sections 4 and 5, Constitution.)

Commissioners to take Acknowledgments.—The Governor may appoint one or more in each State, district and territory, who have authority to take acknowledgment of conveyances. They are appointed biennially by and