

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE—Annapolis.

(All Terms Expire 1935)

Name.	Postoffice.
Commissioner: George C. Peverley.....	Mechanicsville
Chief Clerk: Arthur Trader	Arnold
Assistant Clerks: Holland P. Watts.....	Odenton
Edward S. Lockwood.....	Annapolis
Senior Clerk: Malcolm W. Waring.....	St. Margarets

The Commissioner of the Land Office is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor. The Commissioner appoints all officers in his office. (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 4.)

The Land Office is the State Record Office, pertaining to boundaries of land, and is the means by which discovered vacant land is passed by the State to the individual, and covers the period from the earliest to the present date. The Commissioner sits as a judge in contested disputes over vacant land, and there is a right of appeal direct to the Court of Appeals over his decision.

The duties of the Land Office, in regard to its clerical force, is to keep the indexing, answer the various questions that are daily brought to it by the mail, wait on the visiting public, and record the patents and certificates that are returned on the different kinds of warrants executed by the county surveyors throughout the State.

Questions relating to military service during the War of the American Revolution.

Questions relating to wills, administration proceedings, inventories, accounts and balances from the earliest to 1777.

Questions relating to confiscated British property.

Questions relating to Provincial Court, General Court, Court of Chancery debt books, rent rolls, insolvent proceedings, and extract of deeds from the whole State.

Duplicate record of all deeds, mortgages and releases of mortgages throughout the State are filed here, and it is the duty of the Commissioner to have them properly bound and indexed.

Photostat copying of any record and blue printing of any plat made in office at small cost.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—
Annapolis.**

Name.	Postoffice.
Superintendent: John R. Phipps.....	Annapolis

The Superintendent and all officers in his department are appointed by the Governor. (Ch. 551, 1906.)

The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds is the custodian of the State Capitol, Court of Appeals Building and Executive Mansion in the City of Annapolis.

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

City Hall, Baltimore.

Executive Officer, Horace E. Flack, Baltimore.

The function of the Department of Legislative Reference is to collect, compile and index information on all questions of proposed legislation, to investigate and report upon the laws of Maryland and other States at the request of the Governor, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or the head of any State Department. It is also made the duty of the Department to prepare or aid in the preparation