

in person or by counsel in his own defense, and any such removal shall be final.

Stevens v. Crosbie, 137 Md. 655.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION.

1918, Home Rule Charter.

203B. The said Commissioners shall annually elect one of their number to serve as President of the Commission. All of said Commissioners shall serve without pay. They shall appoint a Chief Examiner who shall also act as Secretary of the Board and Register of Labor and who, under their direction, shall superintend any examinations held under the provisions of this subdivision of this Charter, supervise the administration of the rules of the Commission and perform such other duties as the Commission may prescribe, and who shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the Commission, not to exceed four thousand dollars.

The Commissioners may appoint such other employees, fix their salaries, and incur such expenses as may be necessary, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount fixed therefor in the annual Ordinance of Estimates.

GENERAL DUTIES.

1918, Home Rule Charter.

203C. The Commission shall within three months from the beginning of its term of office, make rules, subject to the provisions herein contained, to carry out the purposes of this subdivision of this Charter, and to provide for appointments and employments in all positions in the classified service hereinafter mentioned, based on merit, efficiency, character and industry, and the Commission may, from time to time, make changes in the original rules or additions thereto. All such rules, changes therein and additions thereto, shall forthwith be printed for distribution by said Commission to all persons who may apply therefor.

The Commission shall keep minutes of its own proceedings, and all of the records, proceedings and papers of the Commission shall be subject to inspection at any reasonable time. The Commission shall have power to investigate all matters touching the execution of the provisions of this subdivision of this Charter and of the rules and regulations adopted by it in conformity therewith. In the course of such investigations, each Commissioner shall have power to administer oaths and summon and examine witnesses as to matters relevant to such investigations.

Whenever the Commission shall find by means of such investigation that any administrative head of the City Government, including any Commission or Board, or any person having the power of appointment or removal in the Classified City Service of Baltimore, has abused such power by making appointments or removals for any reason other than the good of the public service, it shall so report to the Mayor, who shall thereupon have power to remove forthwith without further hearing such admin-