disposition of the property of the minors, that may come into their hands. Guardians bonds shall be deposited with the Register, as in the case of administration bonds. The relation of a guardian to the person of his ward shall be the same, as near as may be, as that of a parent to a child; provided, that the guardian shall not be answerable, pecuniarily, beyond the Estate of the Ward, for the maintenance of the Ward.

Relation of G. & W.

Section 12 Be it enacted and ordained that there shall be appointed from time to time, by the Maryland State Colonization Society, an agent, with the title of Governor, whose commission shall continue in force for the term of five years, unless sooner revoked by the society. He shall reside in the territory, while in the exercise of his office, and shall represent there the state Society, and be invested with all its powers, subject to the constitution of the Territory, and the ordinances and decisions of the State Society.

Agent's appointment.

Section 13. Be it enacted and ordained that there may be appointed, from time to time, by the State Society, an assistant agent, subordinate to the agent, whose commission shall continue in force for the term of five years, unless sooner revoked by the state Society. He shall reside in the territory, while in the exercise of his office, shall be one of the council of the agent, shall co-operate and assist him in the discharge of his duties, and, in the

Assistant agent's appointment

his duties

event of his absence or death, shall exercise his authority.

Section 14 Be it enacted and ordained that it shall be the duty of the agent to obey and carry into effect all the ordinances and regulations of the State Society, which are communicated to him: to exercise a general superintendance over the concerns, police and offices of the territory: to make a semi-annual report to the State Society of the condition and relations of the territory, together with an account of all his receipts & Expenditures on behalf of the Society; to recommend such laws as from time to time, he may see proper, to the State Society; to negotiate and sign all treaties with the natives; to execute all conveyances on behalf of the State Society, and superintend the correspondence of the territory. He shall also be the commander in chief of the Militia of the territory, and issue commissions to all officers in the same, below the rank of general officers. All general officers shall be appointed and commissioned by the State Society. All company officers shall be elected by the companies respectively, and all intermediate officers shall be appointed by the agent. The agent and assistant agent shall have all the authority of Justices of the Peace, except in case of small debts (hereafter mentioned)

Agent's duties

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Section 15. Be it enacted and ordained, That in cases of necessity, where no rule has been made by the State Society

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