

and two to be selected from those who fought with distinction on behalf of the South—whose duty it shall be to erect in the State Library, or other suitable and conspicuous room at the State Capital, suitable cases, to be composed of metal and plate-glass, of sufficient capacity to receive the various battle-flags, with their staff, carried by Maryland organizations of infantry, cavalry and artillery during said Civil War, and to be so arranged that proper metal cards, with letters not less than one inch in height, can be placed to show the number of the battalion, regiment or battery to whom said battle-flags belonged, as well as inscriptions on streamers appended to the standards, showing the various engagements in which the flag was carried.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Commission, after the completion of said cases and their approval by the Governor of Maryland, to apply to the organizations who have the custody of the said Maryland battle-flags in the name and in behalf of the State of Maryland, requesting the delivery of said battle-flags to the State of Maryland for safe-keeping and preservation as long as the Commonwealth exists.

Collection of
said battle-
flags.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said flags when so delivered to the Commission shall be carefully taken down, wrapped, packed and transported to the Capital of the State, thence unpacked, carefully cleaned, as far as practicable, and erected in said cases, properly inscribed, etc., as directed in Section one of this Act.

Properly
inscribed, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of said Commission for the purpose herein specified, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby directed to pay all vouchers submitted and approved by said Commissioners, or a majority of them, in accordance with this Act; that is, for cases, transportation, labor, etc., as well as the necessary expenses of the Commissioners.

Appropriation
for.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as the said battle-flags have been obtained and cared for as herein provided for, they shall be formally turned over to the Governor of Maryland, who shall direct that the care and custody thereof in the future shall be under the supervision of the Adjutant General of Maryland, and the function of said Battle-flag Commissioners shall cease. The said Commissioners shall serve without

Future care
and custody.