

CHAPTER 649.

AN ACT to reimburse Walter Clark, of Annapolis, a sum of money expended by him upon ten acres of leased oyster bottom in Carr's Creek, Anne Arundel county, ceded to the United States by the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The Board of Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland on the second day of September, 1909, leased unto Walter Clark, of Annapolis, for the term of twenty years, a parcel of the bottom of Carr's creek, in Anne Arundel county, described in a lease of that date as containing ten acres, for bedding and planting oysters under an act of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, The said Walter Clark took up the said leased property and planted the same during the seasons of 1909 and 1910 with oysters and paid unto the State of Maryland various sums of money as rent and the costs of said lease and the survey of the same; and,

WHEREAS, By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 394, Acts of 1910, the State ceded the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland to the United States of America over all the lands lying under the waters of Carr's creek in Anne Arundel county, bordering on and adjoining the property of the United States, and under such authority the United States took possession of said property, including the ten acres previously leased unto the said Walter Clark, and thereby prevented him from realizing upon any benefit for the large sums of money paid by him under said lease and in planting oysters, to his great loss and injury.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of Maryland in favor of the said Walter Clark for the sum of five hundred dollars to reimburse him for all sums of money paid unto the State of Maryland, or otherwise, and for all loss incurred by him by reason of the cession of his leased property to the United States Government.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 12, 1912.