

CHAPTER 255.

AN ACT to authorize the payment to the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company, and to the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad Company, of the sum of thirteen thousand dollars, applied to the Choptank and Mispillion Railroad Company by the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter three hundred and three, according to the provisions of section three of said Act. Passed Mar. 22, 1867.

WHEREAS, by the third section of the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter three hundred and three it is declared, that if any portion of the fund thereby applied to the projected railroad, on the Eastern Shore therein enumerated, should not be demanded according to the provisions of the said Act, by any of the said companies, the faith of the State was thereby pledged to apply such portion to works of internal improvement in the county to which the same may properly belong; *and whereas*, the sum of thirteen thousand dollars by said Act applied to the Choptank and Mispillion Railroad Company, as part of the fund assigned to Caroline County has not been demanded by said company since the passage of the said Act, and no evidence has been produced by said company of their ability or intention to demand the same according to said Act, during the coming year, although apprized of an application pending before the General Assembly to divest the said sum in accordance with the power reserved by the third section of the said Act; *and whereas*, the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company has completed twenty-four miles of its road, the greater part through Caroline County, and the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad Company propose to build a railroad from the Delaware Railroad in the State of Delaware, to Cambridge in Dorchester County, and to carry the same through a part of Caroline County as hereinafter described, and it is proper that the said fund which has remained idle in the treasury for seven years should be made conducive Preamble.