

CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT making Appropriations for the benefit of the American Colonization Society.

Preamble. WHEREAS, the people and government of this state have witnessed with deep interest the exertions of the American Colonization Society, to promote and carry into effect the great and laudable objects of their association : And whereas this legislature do most highly approve of the scheme of African colonization, set on foot by said society, and believe it to be the only one which can promise practical benefit to the country, or to that class of the community which it is intended to relieve ; therefore,

Sum authorized to be paid for use of society. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay to the order of the treasurer of the American Colonization Society, for the use of said society, the sum of one thousand dollars, out of any unappropriated moneys which shall be in the treasury at the time of the passage of this act ; *Provided,* that the treasurer of the said shore shall be satisfied that the said sum will be expended for the benefit of free people of colour who have been actual residents of this state for twelve months previous to the time of their embarkation.

Proviso.

Annual payment of \$1000 authorized. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to the order of the treasurer of the society aforesaid, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of said society, in the month of January in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and the like sum at the same time in each successive year thereafter ; *Provided,* that after the present year no payment shall be made under the authority of this act, unless the officers of said society shall present satisfactory proof to the said treasurer of the western shore, that the whole of the appropriation of the preceding year, or such parts thereof as may have been expended, has been applied towards the colonization, on the coast of Africa, of free people of colour, who had been actual residents of this state for twelve months preceding the time of their embarkation ; *And provided further,* that the appropriation shall be extended to the applicants for colonization from each of the counties, and the city of Baltimore, in the ratio of applications.

Provisos.

CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT to repeal the eleventh section of an Act, entitled, a further supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to regulate the Inspection of Tobacco.

Section of former act repealed. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the eleventh section of the act of December session, eighteen