

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said County Contract Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any contract or contracts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 28, 1872.

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CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT to add an additional section to article eighty-one of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, titled "Revenue and Taxes," under the sub-title "Assessment of Stocks for State purposes."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following section be added to Additional section. article eighty-one of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, entitled "Revenue and Taxes," under the sub-title "Assessment of Stocks for State purposes."

149. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall, on or Comptroller before the first day of May in each year, assess the to assess shares of capital stock in all banks, banking associations, and other incorporated institutions, or companies incorporated by this State, except railroad and canal companies, at the true market value thereof in dollars and cents, and for the purpose of ascertaining the true value of such shares, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to examine upon Examine upon oath officers. oath any officer of the same, touching the affairs thereof, or to examine upon oath any other person as a witness, whom he may be advised has important information in regard to the value of such shares of capital stock, and any such officer refusing to answer upon oath touching the affairs of such bank, banking