

CHAPTER 282.

AN ACT for the promotion and improvement of Agriculture, and the Mechanical and Household Arts, in the State of Maryland.

Appropriat'n
for the pro-
motion of
agricultural
interests of
the State.

Proviso.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the promotion of the agricultural interests of the State, the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Association, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, each to the Agricultural Societies of Frederick, Allegany, Montgomery, Washington and Carroll counties respectively, and annually thereafter a sum of equal amount to that paid by the members of the said societies into their treasury; affidavits of which fact and the amount so raised by the Treasurers of the said societies, being first filed with the Comptroller of the State; *provided,* that such sums shall not exceed for the State Society, two thousand dollars, and for the county societies, five hundred dollars each in any one year.

Entitled to
appropriat'n.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That when any number of individuals shall organize themselves into an Agricultural Society, or any Agricultural Society now organized within any counties of this State, shall have adopted a constitution and by-laws for the government, elected their officers, and raised annually by the voluntary contribution of its members, any sum of money which shall have been actually paid into their treasury, for the purpose of being disbursed for the promotion of agricultural knowledge and improvements, and that fact be attested by the affidavit of their President and Treasurer, and filed with the Comptroller of the State, the said county society shall be entitled to receive annually a like sum from the State Treasurer; *provided,* that said annual payment to said county society shall not exceed five hundred dollars; *provided further,* that but one such society in any county shall be entitled to receive such appropriation in any one year under this Act.

Approved April 1, 1872.