

of Congress, chapter one hundred and thirty, statutes-at-large, eighteen hundred and sixty-one and two, donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts; and

WHEREAS, section twenty, of said Act of Assem- Preamble.
bly, in accordance with the requirements and almost in the words of said Act of Congress, directs the Treasurer, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to pay all expenses of the management, superintendence, and taxes for, and all the incidentals connected with or arising out of the management of said lands, so that the entire proceeds of sale shall be applied without any diminution whatever to the purposes mentioned in the Act of Congress, and as expressly required by that Act; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Assembly of eighteen hundred Preamble.
and sixty-five, chapter one hundred and seventy-eight, the whole annual income from the fund arising from the sale of agricultural land scrip appropriated as aforesaid by Act of Congress, was directed to be paid regularly by the Comptroller, "without diminution," to the Maryland Agricultural College; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Assembly of eighteen hundred Preamble.
and sixty-six, chapter fifty-three, the Legislature did diminish the said land fund so provided by Act of Congress and so accepted by Act of Assembly, and so appropriated to the said Maryland Agricultural College, by directing ten per centum of the whole amount to be paid into the Treasury of the State, so diminishing the said fund by the sum of eleven thousand and two hundred and fifty dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Treasury in the Preamble.
several years past has further diminished the annual interest arising from the said fund by withholding from the yearly payments the sum of ninety dollars as a State tax; and

WHEREAS, section five of the said Act of Congress, Preamble.
the terms of which were formally accepted by the State, expressly requires "that if any portion of the funds, or any portion of the interest thereof shall, by