

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 622.

AN ACT to provide for a State subscription to Riley's History of the General Assembly of Maryland, from 1637 to 1904, inclusive.

Providing for
a State sub-
scription to
Riley's His-
tory.

WHEREAS, The history of the General Assembly of Maryland, in the Colonial period, is the annals of a brave, persistent and successful defense of the freemen of Maryland against the usurpations and encroachments of British authority, and, in the Revolutionary epoch, a record of patriotic courage and fidelity to duty, and, in the era of our Statehood, a constant and unswerving effort to preserve the honor and dignity of our State; and

Records of
past Legisla-
tures.

WHEREAS, The records of the proceedings of the Legislature that chronicle these honorable and illustrious events are now inaccessible to the general public, from the fact that few copies of the proceedings exist, in some cases remaining in rare printed volumes, and, in others, on a single written copy; and

The basis of a
history.

WHEREAS, While these sources of information yet remain they ought to be made the basis of a history that will save these distinguished and patriotic proceedings of our ancestors to their descendants; and

Authentic
works.

WHEREAS, It has been the uniform policy of the State of Maryland to encourage the preparation of authentic works upon its history; now, therefore,

Subscription.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State of Maryland hereby subscribes to four hundred copies of Riley's History of the General Assembly of Maryland, from 1637 to 1904, inclusive, at the sum of three dollars per copy.

Distribution of
histories.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said histories shall be delivered to the State Librarian for distribution as follows: Fifty copies to the Maryland State Library; five copies to the Maryland Historical Society; one copy to the Enoch Pratt Library; one copy to St. John's College Library; one copy to Western Maryland College Library; one copy to Washington College Library; twenty-five copies to the School Commissioners of Baltimore City for distribution to the public school libraries of the city; fifteen copies to the School Commissioners of the following counties for distribution to the public school libraries of the several counties named: Baltimore, Frederick,