

CHAPTER 120.

AN ACT placing at the disposal of the Board of Public Works of this State, Hon. Thos. H. Robinson, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate of Maryland, and the Hon. Edward G. Goslin, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates of Maryland, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the relief of cases of destitution and need caused by the fire in Baltimore of February 7 and 8, 1904; and for the payment out of said money of the militia of the State who were called out for service in Baltimore immediately after said fire.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby placed as a contingent fund at the disposal of the Board of Public Works of the State, the Hon. Thos. H. Robinson, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate of Maryland, and the Hon. Edward E. Goslin, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates, to be expended by them to such an extent as they may deem necessary to relieve cases of destitution and need caused by the great fire in Baltimore of February 7 and February 8, 1904. And the Board of Public Works and the chairman of the two committees above named in expending the said money for the purpose aforesaid shall employ such persons or agencies as they may think best for successfully relieving those in need. And the Comptroller of the State is hereby authorized from time to time to draw his warrants upon the Treasurer of the State to the order of such persons and in such amounts as the Board of Public Works and the chairmen of the two committees above named shall direct, the amounts of said warrants (including the amounts paid to the militia, as provided in the following section of this Act), not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

\$250,000 as a contingent fund to relieve destitution caused by the great fire.

How money is to be paid out.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Board of Public Works and the chairmen of the two committees above named shall first set aside out of the money herein appropriated sufficient money to pay the whole cost of the service of the militia who were called out at the time of said fire for service in or near the burnt district of Baltimore. The payment of militia shall be made in the usual manner, but the intent of this Act is that

State militia to be paid for services rendered.