

WHEREAS, The said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, so as aforesaid appropriated proved inadequate for the purchase of the land and the improvements necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes for which the said association was created and the City of Baltimore appropriated an additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and citizens of Maryland supplied other large sums to aid these purposes, and this led to the passage of the Act of 1870, Chapter 89, as a supplement to the said Act of 1867, heretofore mentioned; and it was provided by the said Act of 1870, that in case of the dissolution of the said association, the City of Baltimore, and those citizens who had contributed as above stated, should participate in the net proceeds of the sale of the said land and the improvements, with the State of Maryland, in proportion to the amounts respectively furnished by them; and that in case of dissolution as aforesaid, the said trustees named in the said Act of 1867, or the survivors, should make the sale; and

Amount of money appropriated.

Trustees to sell property.

WHEREAS, Subsequently, it was provided by the Act of Assembly, Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1886, that a further sum of three thousand dollars should be appropriated for the use of the said association, and to save its charter, and which said sum of three thousand dollars was made a preferred claim of the State on the dissolution of the said association; and

The State a preferred creditor.

WHEREAS, Subsequently, it was enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, by Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1890, that in case of the dissolution of the said association, the said trustees or their successors, should at once sell the said land and improvements thereon, at public auction, and that the net proceeds of the sale should be applied, first to the payment of the debts due by the said association, and that the balance should be divided between the contributors to the purchase of the land or its improvements, in proportion to the amounts contributed; and

Division of moneys from proceeds of sale.

WHEREAS, Said association has entirely failed for more than three successive years to hold exhibitions as aforesaid, and the purposes of the said association have failed of accomplishment, but the benefit of the said Acts cannot be obtained by the State, the City of Baltimore, and the citizens who contributed as aforesaid, by reason of the fact that the Court of Appeals of Maryland has held and decided that this relief could only be obtained by a dissolution of the said association, now therefore,

Failure to hold exhibitions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the application of any of the said contributors,