

a sum sufficient to reimburse him for expense incurred in his defense in a suit brought against him as deputy sheriff of said county, for false imprisonment, by one George W. Edgar.

WHEREAS, Suit was brought by one George W. Edgar in 1903 in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County against Deputy Sheriff Eugene Burke for false imprisonment while acting in the line of his official duty, and the said case was removed by the plaintiff to the Circuit Court for Harford County and resulted in a verdict for the defendant, and the plaintiff took an appeal to the Court of Appeals where the case was again decided in favor of the defendant; and

County Commissioners to reimburse a deputy sheriff.

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Burke was required to expend large sums in his defense as deputy sheriff of said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Baltimore County be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay to Deputy Sheriff Eugene Burke of said county the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to reimburse him for expenses incurred in the defense in the Circuit Courts for Baltimore and Harford Counties, and at the Court of Appeals, as deputy sheriff, on the charge of false imprisonment at the suit of George W. Edgar.

Expense incurred in defense of a groundless suit.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1904.

CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Maryland Surety and Guaranty Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 12 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 1902, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Maryland Surety and Guaranty Company," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with the following three additional sections to the charter of said company, to be known as Sections 15, 16 and 17, respectively, and to read as follows:

To amend the charter of the Maryland Surety and Guaranty Company.

12. That the company is authorized to take, have, hold and enjoy all such estates, real, personal and mixed, as may be obtained by investment of its capital stock and all other moneys or funds that may come into its possession in the course of its

Authority to buy and sell all property, stocks, etc.