

CHAPTER 41.

AN ACT to provide for the further publication of the archives of Maryland.

Maryland Historical Society. WHEREAS, By Chapter 138 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of 1882, the Maryland Historical Society was appointed custodian of the records, archives and ancient documents of the province and State as therein provided, on the condition that said Society shall safely keep, properly arrange and catalogue the same, and shall edit and publish, under its supervision, such of the same as were of historical importance; and,

Province of Maryland records. WHEREAS, Said Society, out of its own means, has constructed an expensive vault for the safe keeping of said records, and has, on its part, complied with all the provisions of said Act and subsequent Acts, and it is proper that the publication of said archives should be continued with diligence and care under the supervision of said Society; and,

Parts of ancient documents missing. WHEREAS, There exists several and considerable portions of the said records, archives and ancient documents, whereof there is no copy whatsoever in the possession or under the control of the State or any officer or agent thereof, as set forth in the report made by said Society to this General Assembly; which said missing portions the said Society has ascertained to exist in the Public Record office in London; and it is desirable in order to have the said archives and ancient documents of the State made complete by the transcribing and copying thereof, that the same may be published in their due sequence; therefore,

Money to be paid for safe-keeping of same. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of two thousand dollars for each year for the period of two years from this date be and the same is hereby appropriated and shall be paid to the said Maryland Historical Society out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be paid, one thousand dollars on the first day of June and December of the years 1904 and 1905.

To buy and sell old documents. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the archives of Maryland published by said Society, with the funds herein provided, shall, as provided by the Act of 1882, Chapter 138, be the property of the State; provided, that said Society may purchase such volumes as it wishes for its members and exchanges at the cost of paper, presswork and binding, and shall be authorized to