

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT for the subscription by the State to the Maryland "Calendar of Wills."

The Maryland Calendar of Wills

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jane Baldwin has had published the first volume of "The Maryland Calendar of Wills," from 1635 to 1685, and proposes to continue the publishing of the same up to the abolishment of the Prerogative Court in 1777, in four additional volumes.

State Librarian to purchase copies for State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the State Librarian be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase one hundred and fifty copies of the first volume of "The Maryland Calendar of Wills," and to subscribe for one hundred and fifty copies of each succeeding volume, each copy to cost three dollars each, and the Librarian is hereby authorized and directed to draw an order on the Comptroller of the Treasury for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars for the one hundred and fifty copies of each volume, when delivered to the Librarian by the said Jane Baldwin or her agent; and on receipt of such order the Comptroller of the State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, the cost for one hundred and fifty copies of each volume of said "Maryland Calendar of Wills," as per order of the State Librarian; provided, that any three Judges of the Court of Appeals of Maryland shall first certify, in writing, to the said Librarian that the said "Maryland Calendar of Wills" is a valuable publication, and deserves the patronage of the State; and it is further provided, that only one volume shall be accepted and paid for in any one fiscal year; provided, that the whole indexing shall be completed in not exceeding five volumes.

Cost of same.

Indexing.

Distribution of books.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the State Librarian shall distribute said books as follows: Two sets to the Governor of Maryland; two sets to the Land Office; one set to the Register of Wills of each county in the State and of Baltimore City, for use in their respective offices and courts, and the remaining sets to remain in the State Library for exchange with other State libraries for similar publications, retaining not less than five volumes of each set for the use of the State Library.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1904.