

ing 119½ acres of land, a part of which land is covered by the water of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, and doubts having arisen whether the Commissioner of the Land Office, William R. Hayward, could have issued a patent for so much of said land as was covered by the water of said branch under the Act of 1862, Chapter 129, notwithstanding the decision of the Land Office that said branch was not in law a navigable stream as to that portion of it flowing through said land,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the patent issued by the State of Maryland to Elizabeth Parker, her heirs and assigns, dated June 10, in the year 1881, to all that piece or parcel of land called The Second Addition to Silent Grove, lying and being in Prince George's county, State of Maryland, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed so far as the State of Maryland has any interest in that portion of the bed or bottom of the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, between highwater mark on each side of said stream flowing through the tract of land above patented; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the right of the public to navigate the waters of said branch.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to provide for an adequate heating plant, the adding of two new class-rooms, furnishing and equipping a library and a physical laboratory for the State Normal School Number Two, at Frostburg, in Allegany county, making necessary repairs to said school building and to appropriate a sum of money to pay the costs of said improvements and repairs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used by the State Board of Education for the purpose of providing an adequate heating plant, adding at least two necessary class-rooms, furnishing