

CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make an appropriation for erecting a monument to the memory of Colonel George Armistead, U. S. Army, for his gallant defence of Fort McHenry, on the thirteenth and fourteenth of September, eighteen hundred and fourteen.

WHEREAS by a resolution passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved March fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, reciting the high sense entertained by that body of the eminent military services rendered by Colonel George Armistead, U. S. Army, in his gallant defence of Fort McHenry, near that city, during its bombardment by the British fleet, on the thirteenth and fourteenth of September, eighteen hundred and fourteen. There was erected a monument to his memory in the city of Baltimore, where it stood, under the care and keeping of the municipal authorities of said city, for thirty-five years, when it was lost in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, during certain improvements that were made by the city authorities of the grounds within which it stood; and,

Preamble.

WHEREAS a resolution was adopted by the two branches of the City Council of Baltimore, without a dissenting vote, on the third and fourth of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, making an appropriation for erecting a new monument to the memory of Colonel Armistead, in lieu of the one that was lost, which resolution was afterwards vetoed by the mayor of said city on the twentieth of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, alleging in his message as a reason for such veto, upon the opinion of the city solicitor, a want of power on the part of the city council, under the city charter, to make such an appropriation in the absence of legislative authority therefor, and which resolution was, nevertheless, passed over the mayor's veto in the first branch, but defeated in the second branch.

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