

Preamble. WHEREAS, said John W. Massie has departed this life intestate, and letters of administration have been granted upon his estate to his daughter Virginia C. Massie; therefore

To pay SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the treasurer of the State be and he is hereby directed upon the warrant of the comptroller therefor, which warrant he is hereby authorized, to draw to pay to Virginia C. Massie, administratrix of John W. Massie, deceased, the sum of sixty-five dollars and sixty-three cents, the same being taxes on commissions by said Massie as executor of Winfield M. Simpson, deceased, erroneously paid to the register of wills of Baltimore city on the nineteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as taxes on commissions in accordance with section ninety-seven, of article eighty-one, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, and which said sum has been covered into the treasury.

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

Approved April 3, 1890.

CHAPTER 242.

AN ACT to amend article fifteen, of the declaration of rights of the constitution of this State.

To amend. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Three-fifths of all the members of the two houses concurring, that the following article be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to article fifteen, of the declaration of rights of the constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of article fifteen of the declaration of rights of said constitution.

Taxes. ARTICLE 15. All taxes ought to be uniform upon the same kinds of property or class of subjects and should be levied and collected under general laws, but the General Assembly may by general laws exempt from taxation all public property used for public purposes, all churches or buildings used exclusively for public worship and the furniture contained therein and the parsonages connected therewith, burying grounds not used for private or corporate profit, all purely charitable or benevolent institutions, literary or educational institutions, with the furniture and equipment contained in such charitable, benevolent, literary or educational institutions, and the grounds appurtenant to such churches, houses of public worship, charitable or benevolent, literary or