

land in and for Anne Arundel County, John G. Crane  
 Preamble. (then), sheriff of Anne Arundel County did, on the seven-  
 teenth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight  
 (having first complied with all the prerequisites of said act  
 of forfeiture), sell to the said John Johnson the schooner  
 "Anson" for violation of the oyster laws of the State of  
 Maryland, said Johnson being then and there the highest  
 bidder therefor, and

WHEREAS, subsequently said schooner was libelled by an  
 order out of the United States Court for the district of  
 Preamble. Maryland at the instance of the former owner of said schooner  
 "Anson," and

WHEREAS, the said Johnson, Campbell and Evans had  
 been advised by the State's attorney for Anne Arundel  
 Preamble. County, Hon. James M. Monroe, that the title to said boat  
 was absolute, under the sale by the State of Maryland, and  
 dismantled said schooner in order to prevent the moving of  
 the same, and

WHEREAS, on this account the said Johnson, Campbell  
 and Evans, were arrested, tried, convicted and fined and  
 Preamble. imprisoned for this alleged offence and paid said fine and  
 were imprisoned until released by His Excellency Grover  
 Cleveland, President of the United States, and

WHEREAS, said Johnson being ignorant of the conse-  
 quences of such dismantling of said schooner, and under  
 Preamble. what he believed to be the instructions of James M. Monroe,  
 Esquire, State's attorney for Anne Arundel County, he feels  
 that the State of Maryland is in justice bound to recompense  
 him for his expenditure and loss by the purchase by him of  
 the said schooner "Anson," under the laws of the State, as  
 also for the loss of time by himself, and also for the loss of  
 time by James Campbell and Thomas Evans paid for by  
 him, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of*  
 Preamble. *Maryland*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be,  
 Appropriation. and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the claim of  
 John Johnson, James Campbell and Thomas Evans, and the  
 Comptroller of the Treasury is hereby empowered and  
 directed to draw his warrant on the treasurer, to the order  
 of John Johnson, for said sum of money, the same to be  
 paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
 appropriated.

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

Approved April 7th, 1892.