

ties, with a message declaring that the case of the sureties presents a strong equity, and recommending that the General Assembly shall take their case into consideration, and grant to them such equitable relief as in the judgment of the General Assembly shall be just and fair; with the additional recommendation that as a condition of such equitable relief, the sureties on the bonds of said Stevenson Archer shall also pay the amounts misappropriated by him after the approval on the 30th day of January, 1890, of his third bond, and shall also pay all the State's costs in all the suits at law or in equity upon said bonds, and shall also pay a proper compensation to John P. Poe, the State's special counsel in said suits; and

“Whereas, During the period between the said 2d day of February, 1886, and the said 13th day of February, 1888, the said Stevenson Archer misappropriated twenty-nine (29) bonds for one thousand dollars each, commonly known as Treasury Relief Bonds, belonging to the State; and after the 30th day of January, 1890, misappropriated two (2) bonds for one thousand dollars each, commonly known as Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company Car Trust Bonds, belonging to the State; and three (3) bonds for one thousand dollars each, issued by the Cumberland and Piedmont Railway Company, belonging to the State; and

“Whereas, The total costs in all the said suits amount to the sum of twelve hundred and two dollars and twenty-eight cents; and

“Whereas, A fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to the State's special counsel, said John P. Poe, for his professional services in said cases, is, in the opinion of the General Assembly, a proper compensation for said services; now, therefore,

“Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in conformity with the recommendation of the Governor, that upon the payment by said sureties, or their heirs, devisees or legatees unto the Treasurer of this State, of the sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred and two dollars and twenty-eight cents, (being the amount misappropriated by said Stevenson Archer between the 2d day of Febru-