

equity demands the release of the said Collector from the responsibilities for said loss, and to direct the State's Attorney for Dorchester county to enter a release upon his and their bond for the amount of said sum of seventeen hundred dollars belonging to the State; and in settlement with the said Collector, the Comptroller, with regard to and upon the conditions aforesaid, is hereby authorized and directed to allow him a deduction of said proportionate share in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Dorchester county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to release the said John Henry Noble, collector as aforesaid, and each and all of his said sureties, from the payment of the remainder of said sum of seventeen hundred dollars, upon such proof of said loss, and upon such equitable basis as to them shall seem proper and right, after investigation into the circumstances attending the loss, and to discharge him and them from all claim or demand for, or on account of the same; and they are likewise authorized to cause a release of such sum to be entered on the judgments obtained as aforesaid for their use against the said collector and his sureties; and said releases, if made, shall in each case be entered so as to bear interest on the same from the said nineteenth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1878.

CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT to incorporate the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Wicomico county.

Whereas a number of persons have formed an association for the advancement of agricultural and Preamble