Whereas, in adding said sum of five hundred dollars, the amount of said assessment was erroneously increased from twenty-two thousand six hundred and ninety-five dollars to the sum of Preamble. thirty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars, thus making the amount assessed on said land, ten thousand dollars more than it should have been; and

Whereas, the said error was not discovered by the said Conners until the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, when they at once brought it to the attention of County Commissioners of Cecil county, whereupon the said commissioners before the tax bills for said year were sent out, granted an abatement on said assessment for the said error Preamble. in amount of ten thousand dollars, but declined, on the ground of their having no legal authority to refund to the said Conners the amount of the county taxes for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-one, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, or to credit them for the same, which they had paid on account of said erroneous assessment; therefore-

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the County Commissioners of Cecil Commissioncounty be and they are hereby authorized and em- ers to refund. powered, in their discretion, to refund to Philip S. P. Conner and Edward E. Conner, or to credit them on their tax accounts for the sum of seventy dollars for the year eighteen hundred and seventyone; seventy-five dollars for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; seventy-five dollars for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three; eighty dollars for the year eighteen hundred and seventyfour, and sixty dollars for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, with the interest due on said respective sums, being the amounts due for said five years as county taxes paid on the erroneous assessment of ten thousand dollars.

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

Approved April 5, 1878.