

books, indexes, and all the records and documents belonging to the State of Maryland, now in the Register of Wills' office of Anne Arundel county to the Land Office of Maryland.

Whereas, When the Capital of the Province of Maryland was removed from St. Mary's city to Annapolis, all the proceedings of the Prerogative Court were removed to the office of the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county; and

Whereas, Under the Provincial and Colonial Government of Maryland all testate and intestate estates were settled in the Prerogative Court and the records of proceedings, until the independence of the colonies was achieved and Maryland became an independent State, are all in the office of the Register of Wills' office of Anne Arundel county; and

Whereas, Indexes of the wills, appraisements and proceedings of said Court have been made at different times and paid for by the State of Maryland; and

Whereas, The Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county has completed an index of all "Inventories" (126 volumes) embracing names and references, also 20,000 names and references from the testamentary proceedings of the Prerogative Court, the whole work done to date covering a period of four years and embracing 40,000 names thus indexed; therefore

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sum of two thousand dollars, (2,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county for the work done in indexing the proceedings and inventories of estates settled in the Prerogative Court, being the indices to the forty thousand (40,000) names made by the Register of Wills as aforesaid; and the Comptroller of the State is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the State for the said sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars as hereinafter provided for. And the said two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), shall be in full payment to the Register of Wills for all work done in indexing such records and proceedings, and for all claim or demand for any