

Chapter 146.

AN ACT for the relief of certain Maryland owners of tobacco who were the growers of the same, and whose tobacco was destroyed or injured in the month of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, while stored in the State Tobacco Warehouses number one and number two, in the city of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland that a fire occurred in the month of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in State Tobacco Warehouses number one and number two, in the city of Baltimore, and that in said fire a number of hogsheads of tobacco there stored were burned, and which were owned by the Maryland growers of the same, and it is right that said Maryland owners should be compensated for the loss occasioned to them by the burning of said tobacco; therefore—

Ascertain fair market value.

Draw warrant.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to inquire into and ascertain the fair market value of all tobacco so owned by the Maryland growers thereof, which was destroyed or injured in the fire which occurred in the State Tobacco Warehouses number one and number two, in the city of Baltimore, in the month of January, eighteen hundred and seventy five, and shall thereupon draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State in favor of the said owner or owners, being Maryland growers, or their assignees or agents, of said tobacco so injured or destroyed in said fire, for such sums respectively as he shall ascertain to be the fair value of the tobacco so destroyed or injured in said fire, and belonging to such owner or owners as aforesaid, after deducting, however, all sums derived by such owner or owners respectively from the sale of such part of said tobacco as was injured, but not entirely destroyed by said fire, and after deducting also all sums secured by said owner or owners respec-