

Chapter 244.

AN ACT to provide for a state subscription to Brantly's annotated edition of the Law and Equity Reports of Maryland.

WHEREAS the greater part of the original edition of the Law and Equity Reports of Maryland, prior to the year eighteen hundred and fifty one, is out of print; and whereas most of the courts of this state are not provided with copies of the said reports; and whereas no sets of the said reports are now in the state library available for distribution; and whereas a new annotated edition of the said reports is now being published, which edition has been commended by a majority of the judges of the court of appeals, by a majority of the associate judges of the circuit courts, and by a majority of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore city.

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the state librarian be and he is hereby authorized and directed to subscribe in the name of the state for one hundred sets of Brantly's new annotated edition of the thirty-four volumes of the Law Reports of Maryland, from first Harris and McHenry to ninth Gill, inclusive, and of the seven volumes of Bland's and Johnson's Chancery Decisions, the whole to be comprised in twenty-one or twenty-two volumes, at not more than four dollars and seventy-nine cents per volume, and upon the delivery of one hundred copies of each of the said twenty-one volumes to the state library, the librarian shall issue a certificate of the receipt thereof, and upon the presentation of such certificates, and also a certificate of approval from the attorney general, the comptroller of the treasury is hereby directed to issue his warrant for the sum of four hundred and seventy-nine dollars, and the treasurer shall thereupon pay the said sum to the publisher of the said edition.

Librarian to subscribe.

Issue warrant.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the librarian shall distribute one copy of the said edition to each one of the circuit and orphan's courts of this state, and to each of the courts of Baltimore city, and that the remaining copies shall be kept in the state library.

Librarian to distribute.