

Chapter 357.

AN ACT providing for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency and utility of draining the marshy districts of Maryland and practicability of cultivating the Eucalyptus tree in the malarious districts.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is stated by the secretary of the state board of health in his last biennial report, and substantiated by data apparently correct, that the industrial interests of the state are annually damaged to the extent of nearly one million dollars by malaria exhaled principally from the marshy districts of lower Maryland; and whereas it has been proved by experience in England, Scotland, Holland and France, that pestilential marshes may be rendered not only healthy, but valuable for agricultural purposes by proper drainage; therefore—

Commission-
ers to enquire. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor of the state with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint three persons, two of whom shall be experienced physicians, one from the eastern and one from the western shore of the state, and one practical business man, who together with the governor and the secretary of the state board of health, by virtue of their respective offices, shall constitute a board of commissioners to enquire into the practicability of making a complete survey of the swampy, badly drained and water-soaked lands of the state and their effect upon the public health, to suggest measures for abating the nuisance, with an estimate of the cost, and also to enquire into the practicability of cultivating the Eucalyptus tree in the malarious districts of the state, with the probable cost and proper method of planting forests of the said tree, and make report. Make report.

Expenses—how
paid. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all the necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, shall be paid by the treasurer upon the warrant of the comptroller on being certified as correct by the governor.