Chapter 373.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to reimburse Samuel J. Hopkins, Register of Voters for the fifth election district of Montgomery county, for moneys laid out and expended by him in defending a suit in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Maryland.

Whereas Samuel J. Hopkins, register of voters for the fifth election district of Montgomery county, was wrongfully indicted in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Maryland, for a pretended violation of section five thousand five hundred and twelve of the revised statutes of the United States, whilst in the lawful discharge of his duties as such officer of registration; and whereas said Samuel J. Hopkins was subjected to and incurred heavy costs for counsel fees and court expenses, in making his defence, which resulted in his acquittal; now, therefore—

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue his warrant on the treasurer to pay to Samuel J. Hopkins the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars the amount of counsel fees and court expenses incurred by the said Samuel J. Hopkins in making his defence as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take

effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1884.

Preamble.

Draw warrant for fees, &c.

Effective.