

## CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT to provide for the support and treatment of indigent patients in the Maryland General Hospital.

WHEREAS provision has been made by the State for the cure and treatment of the indigent insane and of indigent lying-in women, and none has been made for the relief of the more numerous class of the general indigent sick throughout the State, requiring special treatment for acute and chronic diseases; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Maryland General Hospital has been well and firmly established in Baltimore city under the auspices of and belonging to the Faculty of Physic of the Baltimore Medical College, an institution duly incorporated under and by the Laws of the State of Maryland, and

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the benefits of said hospital should be extended to the poor of the State of Maryland, suffering from curable, acute or chronic medical and surgical diseases; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum be and the same is hereby appropriated for each of the years eighteen hundred and eighty-six and eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, for the maintenance of the said Maryland General Hospital, and the Comptroller of the State is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for the said amounts hereby appropriated, payable in semi-annual instalments on the first days of June and December in each of said years, to be paid to the authorized agent of the Maryland General Hospital in payment for the maintenance of free patients in said hospital; it being provided and stipulated that

Appropriation.