

CHAPTER 345.

AN ACT to donate to the Maryland Academy of Science the articles forming part of the exhibits of the State of Maryland at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, held at New Orleans in the year 1884, and at the World's Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in the year 1893, now deposited in the Land Office of Maryland.

WHEREAS, There are now deposited in the Land Office sundry articles relating to the natural history of this State, which formed a part of the exhibits of the State of Maryland at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exhibition, held in the city of New Orleans in the year 1894, and at the World's Columbian Exposition, held in the city of Chicago in the year 1893; and

WHEREAS, The Land Office is wholly without facilities for the display of said articles, and they are daily deteriorating in value for want of proper care and attention; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the said articles should be placed where they will be of educational value and afford pleasure and instruction to the people, and the Commissioner of the Land Office, in his report to the Governor, has recommended that they be donated to the Maryland Academy of Sciences, in the city of Baltimore, an institution which is open daily and is free to all citizens of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all of said articles mentioned in the preamble to this Act, forming part of the exhibits of this State at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, held in the city of New Orleans in the year 1884, and at the World's Columbian Exposition, held in the city of Chicago in the year 1893, now deposited in the Land Office of this State, and the cases in which they are contained, be, and the same are hereby donated to the said Maryland Academy of Sciences, in the city of Baltimore, to become a part of its permanent exhibits; and the Commissioner of the Land Office is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the same to the said Maryland Academy of Sciences, or its agent, and to take an itemized receipt for said articles and cases, and to preserve said receipt among the records of his office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1896.