

CHAP. 401. majority of the stockholders of such companies or corporations, and the consolidated company shall have all the powers and privileges of the companies so consolidating; provided, that said corporation shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-two, chapters 109 and 279, or amendments or supplements thereto.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1902.

### CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to pay Milbourne Elliott, of Dorchester County, State of Maryland, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, damages sustained by him on account of being shot and wounded by an officer of the Maryland Oyster Navy.

Preamble. WHEREAS, On the 27th day of September, A. D. 1899, Milbourne Elliott, while then pursuing his lawful avocation, was shot and seriously wounded by Milbourne Cannon, the mate and person in charge of the oyster police schooner "Folly;" and

WHEREAS, The said Milbourne Cannon, an officer and agent of the State of Maryland, as aforesaid, was, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1899, indicted by the grand jury of the State of Maryland, for the body of Somerset county, for assault with intent to kill and murder him, the said Milbourne Elliott; and

WHEREAS, On the first day of May, A. D. 1900, the said Milbourne Cannon was convicted upon said charge; and

WHEREAS, The said Milbourne Cannon, at the time of the said assault and shooting, was an officer of the State of Maryland, undertaking to act in the due course of his employment by the State; and

WHEREAS, The said Milbourne Elliott, because of the injuries inflicted upon him by the said Milbourne Cannon, the State's officer and agent, sustained permanent injuries, by virtue of which he has for a long time been out of employment, was put to great expense in attending to his said wounds, and was otherwise damaged; and

WHEREAS, The said Milbourne Elliott is a citizen of the State of Maryland, and by reason of said citizenship is unable to obtain redress through the Courts of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller of the State be and he is