

width not greater than the width of the said land of William H. Robbins, to be immediately in front thereof, and to run and extend with the extended lines of said land out into said river; provided, that such wharf or shell walk shall be constructed or established on or before the first day of January, 1907.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said wharf or shell walk when so constructed and erected shall be the property of the said William H. Robbins, his heirs and assigns forever.

Owner  
of property

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1902.

#### CHAPTER 537.

AN ACT to repeal Section 37 of Article 19 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Comptroller," as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of nineteen hundred, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 37 of Article 19 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Comptroller," as amended by chapter 536 of the Acts of nineteen hundred, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

Repeal  
and re-enact.

37. The Comptroller is authorized and empowered to adjust and settle the claims of the State against all collectors, sheriffs, clerks of Courts, registers of wills, and other collectors or receivers of public moneys and their securities, and against corporations and individuals who may be indebted to the State in all cases where said claim accrued prior to and including the year 1900, and whether said claims be in the form of judgment or otherwise; and for the purpose of closing all such cases the Comptroller is fully authorized to compromise the same by abating the interest that has accrued, or any portion thereof, or any part of the principal debt, in his discretion, so as to best subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharges to the said parties and their securities, upon the payment into the treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in the settlement as aforesaid; provided, the Comptroller shall be satisfied, after thorough examinations into the claims, that the same could not be collected for the State by legal process; and further, that the Governor and Treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing any such abatement before the same shall be effective; and provided further, that no discharge or acquittance under this section shall be effective

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