

CHAPTER 211.

AN ACT to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to the Public Records Commission of Maryland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland at the Session of 1904 created the Public Records Commission, to serve without pay, to examine into the condition and completeness of the public records of the State, and report thereon; and further authorized the Governor to appoint the members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Hester Dorsey Richardson, Bernard C. Steiner and Samuel K. Dennis were appointed and duly qualified as members of the said commission, and they have caused an examination to be made of all the public records of the State of Maryland, except part of the records in the Court House of Baltimore city, and part of the records in the State House at Annapolis, and part of the municipal records of Baltimore city, and the records of Prince George's county; and

WHEREAS, The said commission has collected much valuable information and data concerning the number, location, completeness and condition of the public records of the State, and has discovered many original documents of value, and made a complete calendar of all the records as far as the work has progressed, and caused a compilation to be made and printed of all the offices of the State, political sub-divisions and incorporated towns, from the beginning of the provincial records, with a reference to the Acts relating thereto, which furnishes an easy, accurate and convenient source of information; and

WHEREAS, There are many more interesting and valuable records to be examined by the said commission, and the work when completed will be of great value, and the said work should be finished and the data obtained edited, prepared and published, so as to be easily accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, The work and labor involved was much greater than was anticipated, and the said commission has exhausted its appropriation, and is without means to further prosecute the said work in the public offices aforesaid, and to print a complete and detailed report of its operations; now, therefore,