

entitled "An act to promote, encourage and foster agriculture in the State," and to appropriate a sum of money therefor, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows :

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That with the view of promoting, encouraging and fostering agriculture in this State, the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated annually for the purpose of aiding the agricultural fair association now existing, or those which may hereafter be organized in this State, to be equally divided among said fair association, and to be paid them by the Treasurer upon the warrant of the Comptroller of treasury, by said association complying with the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

2. *And be it enacted,* That any county in this State, whose citizens shall subscribe for and pay up a capital stock of not less than ten thousand dollars, or shall acquire and pay for real estate and improvements thereon to the said value of not less than ten thousand, and shall be duly incorporated under the laws of this State as a fair association, upon filing a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation and the affidavit of the president of such association that the stock has been fully paid up or the property acquired and paid for the amount herein required, with the Comptroller, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act; provided, that but one association in each county shall be entitled to the benefits derived under this act. Who entitled to benefits of this act.

3. *And be it enacted,* That no existing association or any which may hereafter be formed in this State, for the purpose of holding agricultural fairs, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, which has five hundred dollars surplus in its treasury, or has, within the year preceding the application by it for the payment of any share of the money hereby appropriated, declared a dividend to its stockholders. Who not entitled.

4. *And be it enacted,* That any existing association in this State, or which may hereafter be organized, desiring to avail itself of the provisions of this act, is hereby required to forward to the Comptroller of the Treasury, on or before the first Monday in December of each year, a statement under the hand of its president, attested by the treasurer and the corporate seal of such association, giving in detail the financial condition of said association for the year immediately preceding such application. Statement to Comptroller.