

hundred and eighty-two, the Maryland Historical Society was appointed custodian of the records, archives and ancient documents of the province and State as therein provided, on condition that the said society should safely keep, properly arrange and catalogue the same, and should edit and publish under its supervision such of the same as were of historical importance; and

WHEREAS, The said society, out of its own means has constructed an expensive vault for the safe keeping of said records, and has on its part complied with all the provisions of said act, and of subsequent acts, and it is proper that the publication of said archives should be continued with diligence and care under the supervision of said society; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of two thousand dollars for each year, for the period of two years from this date, be and the same is hereby appropriated and shall be paid to the said Maryland Historical Society out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be paid, one thousand dollars on the first day of June and December, of the years eighteen hundred and ninety-four and eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the archives of Maryland, published by said society with the fund herein provided, shall, as provided by the act of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, be the property of the State; provided, that the said society may purchase such volumes as it wishes for its members and exchanges at the cost of paper, press work and binding, and shall be authorized to sell others at cost, the proceeds of all sales to be added to the publication fund, and used only therefor; and provided further, that ten copies of each volume of the archives, published by said Maryland Historical Society, shall be bound in cloth and deposited in the State library, for the use thereof; and that the said society be and is hereby authorized, without being required to pay therefor, to send a copy of each of the volumes that have been or may be published, to the respective State librarians of the several States of the Union, and also to each of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, to the Court of Appeals, the Land Office, the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar, and such library or historical association as may be approved by the Maryland Historical Society; and said society shall make report to the next General

Published archives to be property of State.