

usage at the rate of fifty dollars per month; that the books of said office all show that the said William Murdock was not paid as such assistant keeper of the furnaces, for the months of September, October, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, June, July, August, September, October, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, May, June, July and August, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, being eleven months; but that his pay for said eleven months, being five hundred and fifty dollars at the aforesaid rate of six hundred dollars per annum, was retained in the treasury by direction of the governor of the state, all of which facts are evidenced by the certificate of the comptroller of the state; and whereas said compensation was by the terms of said appropriation bills an annual compensation, and should have been paid said Murdock, although the furnaces for the months named were not in operation and whereas said William Murdock hath since departed this life, leaving the said Elizabeth C. Murdock, his widow, surviving him, who has been appointed administratrix of the said William Murdock by the orphans' court for Anne Arundel county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the comptroller of the state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the treasurer of the state, in favor of the said Elizabeth C. Murdock, administratrix of the said William Murdock, deceased, for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1888.