

thousand dollars, if in their discretion they deem it necessary for said purpose, which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, they shall apply to the purchase of a fire-engine and hose, such as are now used by the said county fire department, and for a suitable building for an engine-house. ^{May levy a tax.}

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. ^{Effective.}

Approved April 5, 1888.

Chapter 437.

AN ACT to reimburse the county commissioners of St. Mary's county for the costs and expenses incurred in the case of the State against John Benjamin Biscoe.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred in the trial of the case of the State of Maryland against John Benjamin Biscoe, indicted in the circuit court for St. Mary's county for murder, charged to have been committed on the Potomac river, outside the limits of said county, and removed for trial to the circuit court for Charles county, be paid out of the treasury of the state; and that the comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to adjust and settle the amount so incurred and to be incurred in the said trial and execution of said Biscoe, and to draw his warrant or warrants upon the treasurer for the amount so ascertained; but in no event shall the amount paid or to be paid under this section exceed the sum of two thousand dollars. ^{Authority to pay.}

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That to enable the said payment or payments to be made, the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated; which said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose, shall be paid by the treasurer upon the warrant or warrants of the comptroller to the county commis- ^{Appropriated}