

access to the books of the said relief association at any and all times.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect on the first day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Approved April 5, 1888.

Chapter 528.

AN ACT to authorize the mayor and city council of Baltimore to make an appropriation for erecting a monument to the memory of Francis Scott Key, U. S. A., for his patriotic devotion to his country, and for his authorship of the immortal anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," during the years of eighteen hundred and twelve and eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by a resolution passed by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, reciting the high sense and regard entertained by that body of the patriotism of Francis Scott Key, United States army, during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, during its bombardment by the British fleet, in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen; whereas, without a dissenting voice the two branches of the city council of Baltimore, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, passed a resolution making an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for erecting a monument to the memory of Francis Scott Key; and whereas, under the city charter, the city council has no power to make such an appropriation in the absence of legislative authority; therefore,

Authorized to appropriate.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate such a sum of money,