the state's attorney for Baltimore city has reported to the comptroller in regard to the same that he considers these balances, as published in table number fifteen, of the comptroller's report, from eighteen hundred forty-eight to eighteen hundred and sixty-seven inclusive, as absolutely worthless and uncollectable, and recommends that legislation should be had at once authorizing the comptroller to strike these accounts from his books; and, whereas the comptroller and treasurer of the state both approve the same; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the comptroller of the treasury be and he is hereby authorized and Authorized toempowered to strike from his books all balances strike off. of state taxes now standing charged to the collectors of Baltimore city for the years from eighteen hundred and forty-eight to eighteen hundred and sixty-seven inclusive, together with the interest which may have accrued thereon; and that any further publication of said balance in the comptroller's annual report shall cease.

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

Approved April 5, 1888.

Chapter 531.

AN ACT to appropriate the sums of money therein mentioned to pay the claims of E. M. Friend and Mrs. Caroline D. Lee's estate.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the State of Maryland, upon the warrant of the comptroller of the treasury, who is hereby au-pay. thorized and directed to issue the same, be and the same is hereby directed to pay to Elijah M. Friend the sum of fifty dollars, for services performed under an order of the house of delegates of eighteen hundred and eighty-four as engrossing clerk, the sum of fifty dollars; and

Directed to-