

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, Abram J. Williams, of Calvert county, was on the 25th day of April, 1896, commissioned as Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of said county by the Governor of Maryland, to fill an alleged vacancy in said office, and for which commission he paid the clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert county the sum of ten dollars; and

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, The clerk aforesaid duly forwarded the said sum of ten dollars to the Comptroller of the State Treasury, less five per cent. commission; and

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, It was afterwards declared by the courts of the State that no vacancy existed in the office for which the said Williams had been commissioned, and that said commission had been improvidently issued; therefore,

**Appropriation.** SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State in favor of Abram J. Williams, of Calvert county, for the sum of ten dollars, as hereinbefore recited, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Approved, April 9, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 478.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 35 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Evidence," sub-title "Proof of Foreign Debts and Other Instruments," to be numbered and designated as Section 38 A.

**New section added.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following section be added to the Code of Public General Laws, title "Evidence," sub-title "Foreign Records," to be numbered and designated as section 38 A.

**Sufficient evidence.** 38 A. The copy of the record or register of any corporation, which the laws of any foreign country where the same may be incorporated, require to be recorded or registered, and which has been recorded agreeably to such laws, and which is certified under the hand of the keeper of such record or register and the seal of the court or office in which said record or register is kept, and which is also certified to be in due form and by the proper officer, making reference to the Act under which corporations are formed under the laws of such foreign country,