

Anne Arundel county, and also for arranging, jacketing and properly filing the original wills of the early settlers of the province, between the years 1635 and 1777, also in the said office, and at the same time preparing a suitable index thereof; and

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of the said Acts of the General Assembly, the work so undertaken has been diligently prosecuted, and the indices thus far completed, contain more than 150,000 references, and thus a considerable portion of the records have been made available for use, but a large amount still remains to be done, which it is desirable should be completed as rapidly as possible, that all of the said records may be made available; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be and it is hereby appropriated out of the levy of the year 1898, and the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be and it is hereby appropriated out of the levy for the year 1899, for the further continuance and if possible completion of the said work of indexing, which said sums shall be paid from time to time as the work progresses to the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county, by the warrant of the Comptroller issued upon the Treasurer of Maryland, upon the certificate of the Governor and the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county, that the work has been properly performed; provided, however, that the cost of said indexing shall be paid at the rate now fixed by law for indexing the books in the office of the Register of Wills; and provided, further, that the said Governor of Maryland and the Register of Wills of Anne Arundel county may, in their discretion expend, from time to time, such part of the sums hereby appropriated, as they shall find necessary for the verification and checking of the said indices; and provided, also that the said work shall be fully completed by the appropriation herein made.

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

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to repeal Chapter five hundred and seventeen of Public Local Laws for Calvert County, of the Acts of