

land situate in Worcester county, in said State, called "Portland," containing five hundred and four acres and one rood of land, for which there was paid into the treasury of Maryland the net sum of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, By a patent issued on the second day of July, in the year eighteen and ninety-one, the said State granted unto Benjamin F. Vosberg and Charles P. Tucker, a tract of land situated in Worcester county, called "Brenham," containing two hundred and sixty-five acres and two roods of land, for which there was paid into the treasury of Maryland the net sum of ninety-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, By a patent issued on the sixteenth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the State granted unto A. J. Corning, a tract of land situate in Worcester county, called "Defiance," containing three thousand and nine hundred and twenty acres, for which there was paid into the treasury of Maryland the net sum of one thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirteen cents; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, It now appears that by an error of the surveyor of Worcester county in running the lines of the tract called "Defiance" all of the lands described in the patents for "Portland" and "Brenham" were included therein, and being older tracts than "Defiance" the State could not grant to said A. J. Corning a title thereto, by means thereof the said A. J. Corning has erroneously paid into the treasury of Maryland the sum of two hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty eight cents as the purchase money for lands for which the State had no right to grant; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The said A. J. Corning was the agent of the "Ocean Beach Land and Improvement Company of Baltimore City," by which said sum of money was in fact paid, and the legal title to said tract called "Defiance" has since become vested in said company; 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 draw his warrant on the treasurer for the payment of the said sum of two hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents to the said "Ocean Beach Land and Improvement Company of Baltimore City," being the amount erroneously paid into the treasury on account of the composition or purchase money for said tract of land called "Defiance."

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

Approved April 9, 1898.