

WHEREAS, The present librarian has already catalogued by said system over nine thousand volumes, and is desirous in the best interest of the public to continue the same; and,

WHEREAS, There is at this time no additional shelf room in said library, nor no wall room for shelves, and the constant increase in the volumes, by exchange and otherwise, demands the purchase of steel stacks for said books and the preservation thereof; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for a continuation of the card catalogue system, in the State library, and for the purchase of steel stacks to be placed in said library for shelving and preserving the books therein, and any additions thereto; the work of cataloguing and placing the stacks and arranging the books thereon to be done by or under the supervision of the State Librarian.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the State Librarian for the purpose of this Act, for such sums as the said librarian shall produce proper vouchers for, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the said librarian shall make an annual report to the Governor on or before the first day of January of the condition of the library, and of the work done hereunder, and a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of all money expended for said library.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1898.

CHAPTER 378.

AN ACT to authorize the Board of Public Works in this State, in its discretion, to sell and transfer to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, the annuity of ninety thousand dollars, created by virtue or in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 260 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1854, and to sell the shares of stock in the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company belonging to the State of Maryland.