

Commissioner of the Land Office for the expenses incurred as herein provided for.

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

Approved April 8, 1908.

CHAPTER 91.

AN ACT to provide for the further publication of the Archives of Maryland.

WHEREAS, By Chapter 138 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its session of 1882, the Maryland Historical Society was appointed custodian of the records, archives and ancient documents of the Province and State as therein provided, on the condition that said society shall safely keep, properly arrange and catalogue the same, and shall edit and publish, under its supervision, such of the same as were of historical importance; and,

WHEREAS, Said Society out of its own means has constructed an expensive vault for the safe keeping of said records, and has on its part, complied with all the provisions of said Act and subsequent Acts, and it is proper that the publication of said archives should be continued with diligence and care under the supervision of said society; therefor,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the sum of two thousand dollars for each year for the period of two years from this date, be and the same is hereby appropriated, and shall be paid to the said Maryland Historical Society out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be paid, one thousand dollars on the first day of June and December of the years 1908 and 1909.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the archives of Maryland, published by said society, with the funds herein provided, shall as provided by the Act of 1882, Chapter 138, be the property of the State; provided that said society may purchase such volumes as it wishes for its members and exchanges at cost of paper, presswork and binding, and shall be authorized to sell others at cost; the proceeds of all sales to be added to the publication fund and used only therefor; and provided further, that ten copies of each volume of the archives published by the said Maryland Historical Society shall be bound in cloth and deposited in the State Library for the use thereof; and that the