

## CHAPTER 487.

AN ACT to provide for the commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Maryland, and to provide for the acquisition in the name of the State of certain historical sites hereinbelow mentioned, and the construction thereon of certain memorials hereinbelow specified, and the construction and equipment of a "Memorial Hall of Records" on land to be acquired in Annapolis for the housing and preserving of the official and historical records of the Province and State of Maryland and other documents, and for other purposes; all as determined by the Board of Public Works and under its authority and direction, and the funds for the carrying out of said purposes to be in such amount or amounts as may be provided in the supplemental budget or general construction loan of 1931, or in any subsequent budget, loan or appropriation, and providing for the appointment by the Governor of a standing commission to be known as the "Maryland Tercentenary Memorial Commission," consisting of not more than five citizens of Maryland, one of whom shall be a resident of Saint Mary's County, to take charge of and care for certain of said memorials when completed, to serve without pay, and providing for an annual appropriation for their expenses.

WHEREAS, In view of the approaching Tercentenary of the founding of Maryland, and the fact that the original settlers sailed from Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, in the "Ark" and the "Dove" November 22, 1633, and made their first temporary landing on or about March 25, 1634, on Saint Clement's Island, in the Potomac River, Maryland, and at Saint Mary's City March 27, 1634, they permanently settled and there established a free representative government, providing, for the first time in history, separation of church and state, and securing to the people of Maryland religious toleration and the right to worship according to the dictates of their own conscience; and

WHEREAS, Because the State has never erected at said places any memorial commemorative of said events, nor any memorial to the memory of George Calvert, the First Lord Baltimore and Projector of the Province, nor any to Cecil Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore and first Proprietary of the Province,