

CHAP. 182. nually appropriated for the instruction of indigent blind persons, be increased to not exceeding four thousand dollars; *and whereas*, said act appears to have been overlooked in the general appropriation bills for the years eighteen hundred and fifty-four, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, by reason whereof the sum actually allowed by the State for said purpose, in said appropriation bills, has been only two thousand dollars annually—an amount adequate to pay the expense of educating only the pupils at the rate of two hundred dollars for each, per annum, as established by law; *and whereas*, it appears that the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind has been, for several years past, engaged in educating twenty indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State, and it has been ascertained that there are more than twenty other blind persons, also inhabitants of this State, who need education, whilst the building occupied by said institution is insufficient to accommodate even the present number of inmates; therefore,

Repealed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the seventh section of article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the indigent blind, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as it declares that a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars shall be annually appropriated, to be applied as therein directed, and in lieu of said amount, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars be annually appropriated, to be applied as therein directed.

Appropriation.

Authorised to pay.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of extending the building of the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, and increasing its facilities for educating blind persons, inhabitants of this State, the treasurer of this State shall pay to the treasurer of said institution the sum of ten thousand dollars for the year eighteen hundred and sixty, and six thousand dollars for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for said purposes, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.