

AN ACT entitled, an act to carry into effect the eighth section of the act entitled, an act for the promotion of internal improvements, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter three hundred and ninety-five. Passed March 2, 1860.

WHEREAS, by the eighth section of the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter three hundred and ninety-five, the sum of one million of dollars was appropriated to the Eastern Shore Railroad Company, upon the conditions therein contained, and it was furthermore provided that in the event that the stock of the Eastern Shore Railroad Company should not be subscribed to an amount sufficient to commence the said road by individuals and corporations, as provided for by said act, that then and in that case the million of dollars, set apart and intended to be applied to said work, should be held sacred, and the faith of the State was thereby pledged that the said million of dollars should be applied to the exclusive purpose of internal improvements on the Eastern Shore, and for no other purpose whatever, and should be subject to disposition for that purpose by any future legislature, after the time for commencing the work as proposed by the charter of the Eastern Shore Railroad Company should have expired; *and whereas*, of the said sum of one million of dollars, there has been expended only the sum of one hundred and fifty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and fourteen cents for internal improvements on the Eastern Shore, leaving unexpended the sum of eight hundred and forty-seven thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-six cents, which the faith of the State is solemnly pledged to apply to the exclusive purpose of internal improvements on the Eastern Shore; *and whereas*, in the opinion of this Legislature, a distribution of the said fund among the several counties on the Eastern Shore, upon the basis of the levy on the assessed property of the several counties on the Eastern Shore for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, would be equitable; now, therefore, in redemption of the said solemnly plighted faith of the State;

Preamble.