

## CHAP. 272.

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Passed  
March 6, 1850.

*A supplement to an act entitled, an act imposing duties on promissory notes, bills of exchange, specialties, and other instruments of writing, to aid in paying the debts of the State, passed December Session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and eighty.*

Executors, etc.  
by paying tax  
upon papers of  
intestates will  
render papers  
valid which are  
not written on  
stamped paper

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever any of the instruments of writing named in the act to which this is a supplement, and which are therein required to be stamped, shall come or may have come into the hands of any executor or executors, administrator or administrators, from the estate of his or their testator or intestate, without being written upon stamped paper, vellum, or parchment, that in such case, the executor or administrator, and if more than one, either of them, may make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that he believes, that at the time of making and receiving such instrument by his testator or intestate, that the said testator or intestate did not know of the requisitions of the act to which this is a supplement, requiring said instrument to be stamped or marked, as in said act provided; or if he shall believe that his testator or intestate did know of such requisitions, that he believes that said instrument of writing was made or received through inadvertence or forgetfulness thereof, and with no intention to evade the provisions of said act; and upon making such oath or affirmation, and paying to the clerk of the county, or of Howard District, or of the city court of Baltimore, as the case may be, the duty chargeable by law on such instruments of writing, together with ten dollars in addition thereto, which duty and additional sum such clerk is hereby authorized and required to receive, and endorse a receipt therefor, under his hand, upon some part of such instrument of writing, and he shall also endorse thereon the oath or affirmation to be taken as aforesaid, after which endorsements, and not otherwise, such instrument of writing, whether drawn and made before or after the passage of this act, shall be to all intents and purposes as valid and available as if the same had been or were stamped or marked, as by said act is required.