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Passed May  
29, 1852.

*AN ACT to Reimburse the County Commissioners of Montgomery county for Extraordinary Expenses incurred, in detaining William L. Chaplin, charged with Kidnapping.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, William L. Chaplin, a citizen of the State of New York, was seized and arrested in Montgomery county, on his way to the State of Pennsylvania, upon the charge of kidnaping certain negro slaves, which he then had in his possession, and was committed to jail upon the said charge; *And whereas*, it is believed, that the said William L. Chaplin had confederated with persons of other States, for the purpose of aiding, assisting, and carrying away negro slaves, the property of citizens of Maryland and the District of Columbia; and that after his imprisonment as aforesaid, serious and well-grounded apprehensions were entertained by the citizens of Montgomery county, that an attempt would be made by the confederates of said Chaplin, forcibly and clandestinely, to release him from imprisonment; *And whereas*, the county commissioners, upon the recommendation of a mass meeting of the citizens, with a view of the safe keeping of said Chaplin, so that he might be brought to trial and punishment, had to resort to extraordinary means, by reason whereof, the county was subjected to unusual expenses; *And whereas*, the said Chaplin, after a confinement in jail of six or seven months, entered into recognizances to the State of Maryland for his appearance at Montgomery County Court, and afterwards forfeited the same, and the sum of nineteen thousand dollars was paid into the treasury, upon his aforesaid recognizances; *And whereas*, it is but just and right that the State should reimburse to the county commissioners of Montgomery county, all expenses incurred in the detention of said Chaplin, out of the fund, as aforesaid, paid into the treasury therefor.

Authority to  
pay.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Treasurer of Maryland, be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, to the county commissioners of Montgomery county, or to their order, the sum of seven hundred dollars, out of the money paid into the treasury by the security, or securities, of William L. Chaplin, upon his forfeited recognizances as aforesaid.