

ment of the claim of Moor N^o Falls, President of the steamboat company for services rendered by him as president of said company, against certain persons violating the laws of this State by unlawfully catching and taking oysters therein; and that the Treasurer upon the warrant of the Comptroller is hereby authorised and required to pay the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall ^{In force.} take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 284.

AN ACT to cede to the United States the jurisdiction ^{Passed Mar. 10, 1856.} of the State of Maryland, in, to and over a part of Hog Island in the Potomac river

WHEREAS, it is in the contemplation of the proper ^{Preamble.} authorities of the United States to erect a Light house on Hog Island in the Potomac river for the greater security of the Navigation of said river; whenever a legal title to the said island or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose can be obtained, and whereas, jurisdiction over the said island is claimed both by the State of Maryland and the State of Virginia, and it is desirable that the right of jurisdiction as well as the right and title of each of the said States, in, to and over the site of said Light house, should be transferred to the United States.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the right of jurisdiction, and all the right, ^{Right of State relinquished.} title and interest of the State of Maryland, in and over a site for a Light house on Hog Island in the Potomac river aforesaid; in and to the same is hereby relinquished, ceded and made over to the United States aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid; ^{Proviso.} *Provided*, the quantity of land for said site does not exceed ten acres.