SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9(1-3)-be-and-it-is-hereby added to Section 9(a), of Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, without amendments; and that new Section 9(1-3) be and it is hereby added to this Article and Code; and all to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

9.

- (a) The following real and tangible rersonal property small be exempt from assessment and from State, county and city ordinary taxation, except as otherwise stated herein, each and all of which exemptions shall be strictly construed:
- (L-3) REAL AND PERSONAL FROFERTY WHICH IS OWNED BY THE MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC., AND IS USED SOLELY FOR MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL AFEAS FOR FUBLIC USE, FOR SANCTUARIES FOR WILDLIFE, FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ECUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, OR FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ORNITHOLOGY OR GENERAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: EXCEPT THAT IN SOMERSET COUNTY, THE EXEMPTION SHALL APPLY TO STATE TAXATION ONLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Affroved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 879

(Senate Bill 248)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Payments to Certain Persons

FOR the purpose of altering the arcunt that the Ecard of Puclic Works may pay a person who is erroneously convicted, sentenced and confined for a crime and making this change prospective.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78A - Public Works Section 16A(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)