

A BILL

Entitled, an act to continue the State's appropriation for the benefit of African colonization.

Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 281, entitled, an act relating to the people of color of this State, an appropriation was made, to be applied by the managers mentioned in the said act, in removing emancipated slaves, and free people of color to the colony of Liberia or elsewhere, out of the State, and in making preparations at said colony or elsewhere, as the said managers might think best, which should seem to them expedient for the reception, accommodation and support of the persons to be removed, until they could support themselves, and which appropriation, amounting, in the aggregate, to two hundred thousand dollars, was assessed upon the several counties of the State and Baltimore city, at the rate of ten thousand dollars per annum, in the proportions in the said act, as modified by the act of 1838, chapter 269, changing the assessment of Frederick county, particularly described; and, whereas, the said appropriation ceased at the end of the year 1851; and, whereas, it is desirable that the same should be renewed and continued so, that the policy of the State, in providing a home, in Africa, for the emancipated slaves and free colored population, and for their removal thither, may be maintained and carried out; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby required to pay, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to the Board of Managers, appointed under the act of 1831, chapter, 281, the sum of ten thousand dollars, annually, for the space of ten years, commencing with the year 1852, in the manner in which he has heretofore paid the like amount under the act last aforesaid, to be appropriated for the purposes in the said act mentioned.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller of the State, be and he is hereby required to issue his warrants to the Treasurer, on the drafts or requisitions of the said Board of Managers, so as to authorise the payment by him of the amounts aforesaid.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the assessment of the said act of 1831, chapter 281, be and the same is hereby continued