

scribed by the Act, and no time is prescribed for the election from which the term of the office can be inferred, the only qualification being, that the principal shall not vote upon the subject of his appointment or removal. The latter provision would seem to imply a power of removal in the State Board, but such power is not expressly given in terms. These comments are made on the Act, for the purpose of showing the Legislature that it might not be out of place, if more explicit enactments should be made.

The General Assembly has at each session since, and including the session of 1872, appropriated an ascertained amount to be expended in the maintenance of Free Public Colored Schools. As no provision has been at any time made for raising any special revenue to defray this expenditure, and as the Act of 1872, Chapter 377, Sub-Chapter 19, Sections 1 and 2, prescribe that the sources of income for the State distributions to Free Public Schools, shall be the receipts from the Public School Tax, and the income of the Free School Fund, these sums have been construed to be payable only out of such income and receipts.

#### STATE BOUNTIES.

Statement "M" exhibits in detail, the amounts paid for State Bounties from 1864, to the end of the fiscal year, 1877, with the Acts of Assembly under which the same have been paid. The amount expended under this head, during the fiscal year, is \$4,800.00.

#### PENSIONS.

The amount expended during the fiscal year in payment of pensions under the several Acts providing for the same, was \$34,060.00, being less than that expended in 1876, by the sum of \$1,980.00.

#### DETAILS OF REVENUE.

The accompanying tables give in detail the receipts into the Treasury, during the fiscal year, from various sources.

#### FROM CLERKS OF COURTS.

Table "No. 1" exhibits in detail the revenue received from Clerks of Courts, amounting to the sum of \$411,777.97.