

sessed in the aforesaid return to the county commissioners of the respective counties, and city Council of Baltimore.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the money arising from the said tax shall be paid to the treasurer or county commissioners of the several counties and the city of Baltimore aforesaid, and shall constitute a fund for remunerating the inhabitants of the said counties for losses sustained by damage to sheep destroyed or injured by dogs.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That any inhabitant of the aforesaid counties, whose sheep may be killed or injured by a dog or dogs, may have the damages sustained by him appraised by two disinterested and intelligent men, tax-payers of the county in which he resides, who shall return their appraisal of said damages to the county commissioners with their affidavit thereto annexed, that they believe said sheep were killed by a dog or dogs, that their apprasement of the damages is fair and reasonable, and that they have no interest therein; and said appraisers shall each be allowed the sum of fifty cents for their services, which sum, together with the legal fee of the justice of the peace for the affidavits provided for in this and the following sections, shall be paid by the owner of the sheep, and may be returned with the appraisal and costs.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That all appraisements for damages to sheep shall be filed in the office of the county county commissioners, and shall be paid according to priority of date; provided, that no appraisal shall be paid unless filed within three months of the date when the sheep were killed or injured, nor unless the owner of said sheep shall make affidavit, to be filed with the appraisal, that said sheep were killed or injured, to the best of his knowledge, by a dog or dogs not owned or harbored by him, and that he has no means of recovering the value thereof from the owner or owners of the dog or dogs that killed or injured them.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That all moneys on hand at the end of each year, after paying for damages done to sheep, and after retaining on hand one hundred dollars, shall be paid over to the school commissioners of the several counties or of the city of Baltimore respectively, to be by them applied to the purposes of education.

Sec. 8. And be enacted, That any dog kept or staying about a house shall be deemed sufficient evidence of ownership to authorize the collector to return the person inhabiting said house, as the owner or possessor of such dog; any person sending his dog from house to house, or place to place to avoid the said tax, shall be liable to pay double tax therefor, and every dog not returned shall be deemed to have no owner,