

guishing from house to house, around the school house as a common centre, reserving always that every dwelling, without the line, which may have been omitted or overlooked, and all such as may thereafter be erected during the continuance of the district, shall of right, belong to the nearest school house. In many cases, however, you will find it necessary to circumscribe a district by its natural limits, such as a small island, on which there may not be a sufficient number of children for the support of a school, and which cannot conveniently be attached to any adjacent district; in such cases, as the distribution of the public money will be in proportion to the number of children, it will be necessary, to enable the inhabitants to partake of the benefits of the law, for them to provide the residue of the means to complete the salary of their teacher, or to graduate the duration of their school according to the amount distributed to them. And the like necessity will equally occur in every peninsula or long neck of land, or district of sparse population; but such occurrences, it may be hoped, will be found rare.

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Having finished the division of your county into a "suitable and convenient number of School Districts," according to the best of your discretion and judgment, you will proceed to describe and number the same, and to deliver the description and number thereof to the clerk of your county court, to be recorded as required by section 8, of the act in question, for which purpose the public advertisements, herewith transmitted, have been prepared; and you will take care that not less than five of these notices be put up in the most public places of each of the said districts.

It is desired that the duties required by these instructions may be completed as soon as practicable, that the trustees and other officers of each respective corporation may be elected, that each and all may proceed harmoniously, and that the expected benefit may be commenced and realized with as little delay as possible—in all which the liberal spirit and patriotic zeal of your good people will be most worthily manifested.

The foregoing arrangements are necessarily required in anticipation of the essential appropriation and assignment of means for carrying the system into efficient and bene-