

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 30, 1812.

*Ordered*, that the bill entitled, an act for the encouragement of Lancaster schools in the several counties of this state be published with the votes and proceedings for the consideration of the people.

*An Act for the encouragement of Lancaster Schools in the several counties of this state.*

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons in any county in this state, shall purchase or procure a suitable lot of ground in the said county, and erect thereon a Lancaster School House, and convey the same to trustees to be selected by the said person or persons, in trust, for the purpose of being used as a Lancaster Free School, that then there shall be paid to such trustee or their order, by the treasurer of that shore of this state on which the said School shall be situated, the sum of two hundred dollars, towards assisting in the expence of such an establishment: And also, at the end of each year after the said school shall have been opened, the sum of two hundred dollars, as an annual donation towards defraying the expences of such school: *Provided however*, AND BE IT ENACTED, That such trustees of any such school shall receive all free scholars that may be offered for admission to the said school, who in their opinion, from the pecuniary situation of themselves or parents, should be received as such; and shall charge the pay scholars who may be received into such school, for their tuition, a sum not exceeding the rate of six dollars per year.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the number of scholars instructed annually at any such school shall exceed one hundred, that then the annual donation to be paid by the treasurer as aforesaid to such school, shall be the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and if the number of scholars so instructed annually in any such school shall exceed two hundred, then the said annual donation to such school shall be the sum of three hundred dollars, and so in the proportion of fifty dollars for each and every other hundred scholars who may be annually instructed as aforesaid in such school.