FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

WITH STATISTICS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

For the Year Ending June 30, 1866.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Superintendent's Office.

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To his Excellency, THOS. SWANN, Governor of Maryland,

Sir:

In compliance with legislative enactment, I have the honor to present the First Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the school year ending June 30, 1866, together with all the documents which have been issued by authority of the State Board of Education.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant. L. VAN BOKKELEN, State Supt. Public Instruction.

Baltimore, Dec. 15, 1866.

To the Governor of Maryland:

The Act of Assembly providing a uniform system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland requires the State Superintendent to report annually to your excellency.

1. The condition of the schools and colleges of the State, and of all institutions under his supervision and subject to

his visitation.

2. Estimates and accounts of expenditures of School moneys, and a statement of the apportionment of money to the counties and the City of Baltimore.

3. An abstract of all the reports received by him from the School Commissioners and the Presidents of Colleges.

4. All such matters relating to his office, and all such plans and suggestions for the improvement of the Schools and the advancement of Public Instruction in the State as he may deem expedient.

5. A statement of his travels in making official visits dur-

ing the year.