

cient salary, for our salaries are liberal. We pay from eighty to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per term. But it is attributable chiefly to the fact that we can keep our schools open but two terms in the year, while our sister counties continue theirs three or four terms. Our best teachers therefore go where they can find more constant employment. We cannot hope to remedy this difficulty, until by some means we can continue our schools a longer period.

The reasons that we cannot keep our schools open longer than two terms will appear by a single glance at my report.

When the present Board first took charge of the schools of the County, we had in Bank, \$4,493,78, this with the amount of Public School tax received from the State and the interest of our County fund, gave us the sum of \$22,115,95, to operate our schools for the last year.

We had 92 schools in operation for two terms at an expense of \$17,396,49, and this with the amount invested in books on hand, the amount paid for salary of Clerk and other necessary expenses, and \$2,206,77 left in Bank at the close of the last scholastic year makes the amount we received. It is therefore very evident that without a considerable increase of receipts we cannot continue the schools longer than two terms in one year.

As stated in my last annual report the majority of our school houses are unfit for the purpose for which they are used. To remedy this in a measure the Board have agreed to appropriate one half the amount required, to those school districts in which the citizens will contribute the other half and build a house according to the plan laid down. This arrangement I hope will give us a few good school houses during another year.

In short to make the system a success in our County and to enable it to accomplish all of which it is capable, we must have more funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHARLES COUNTY.

Port Tobacco, December, 1866

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State Superintendent Public Instruction.

Sir:

Since my last Fall report, the Public Schools of Charles County, now numbering thirty-five, have been in successful