

REPORT.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Superintendent's Office,

BALTIMORE, March 4, 1867.

To the Honorable, Oliver Miller,

Speaker of the House of

Delegates of Maryland:

SIR:

By an order of the House of Delegates, February 20, 1867, received at this office February 26, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to report,

1st. What Books are used in the Public Schools of the State, where published, from whom purchased, what number were purchased in the years 1865 and 1866, and what sum has been paid for said books.

2d. How many have been distributed to the County School Commissioners of each county.

3d. How many have been disposed of by said Commissioners, and what number now remain on hand.

4th. Whether books were purchased under published proposals or private contract, the invoice price paid per copy and received for same from scholars.

5th. Whether there was a discount upon the invoice price, and if so, the amount of said discount.

The information asked is herewith respectfully submitted:

1. Appendix "No. 1," being a circular issued to the several Boards of School Commissioners upon the adoption of the uniform series of Text Books, shows the Text Books used, where published, and from whom purchased.

The number of volumes purchased in 1865 and 1866, was 196,228—the total cost of which, including all expenses of freight, storage, boxing, clerk hire and transportation to the counties, was \$64,103 82.

2. Appendix "No. 2," shows how many books of each kind were distributed to each Board of County School Commissioners. The total cost of these books being \$64,103 82, and the total number of different pupils enrolled 64,793, places the