

Officers
enjoined.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all officers of the peace in and for Cecil county, are requested and required to be faithful in the discharge of their duties in arresting and bringing to justice each and every offender against the provisions of this act.

REGISTER OF WILLS.

1794, ch. 25, ante page 1763, 'Caroline County,' title 'Clerks.'

SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to provide for the education of Poor Children in Kent, Talbot Cecil, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties.—1816, ch. 244.

Repealed as to Anne Arundel and Montgomery, by 1818, ch. 49.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the want of an efficient and well digested system of county schools, calculated to diffuse the advantages of education throughout the state, has been long felt and sincerely regretted by every friend to morality and good government; *And whereas*, the funds arising from the tax on bank stock, and appropriated to the above purposes by an act of the general assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and twelve,* is not as yet sufficient to carry the wise and benevolent intentions of the legislature completely into effect; yet viewing the incalculable advantages enjoyed by some of our sister states, where extensive school funds enable them to disseminate the blessings of education to every class of their citizens; and believing that there is no practicable mode to accomplish so desirable an object in the present situation of the finances of the state, but by laying a moderate tax on the wealthy for the education of the poorer classes of society; therefore,

* Ch. 79,
sec. 4

Levy courts
to appoint
seven
trustees in
each elec-
tion district.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of the several counties aforesaid, be and are hereby empowered and directed, to appoint annually seven persons in each election district of the said counties, to be called the trustees for the education of poor children, and one person to be called the treasurer of the school funds for each county.

Trustees to
lay off each
district into
seven sub-
divisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees shall immediately after their appointment, proceed to lay off each election district into seven sub-divisions, one of which to be allotted to each trustee, and when so laid off and allotted, each trustee shall make a census of the poor children above eight years of age within his sub-division, whose parents or those under whose care they may be are unable to pay for the tuition of such children, and said census shall be reported to the levy court of the said counties as soon as may be by the said trustees.

Money to
be levied.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court of said counties be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to levy