

to a portion of its inmates who may not otherwise have employment, or be so usefully employed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners for Montgomery county, shall levy on the assessable property of said county, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding however in all, the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars, as may from time to time, be required by the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, according to the provisions of this act, which sum or sums of money, when collected, shall be paid over to the said trustees, to be by them expended as herein directed.

Levy directed.

Limit \$180.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said trustees to encourage the growth of the multicaulis mulberry, or Chinese mulberry, and the production of merchantable raw silk, on the land of, and at said house, by the individuals belonging properly thereto, according to law, and to enable said trustees to carry into effect the aforesaid duty, they are hereby authorized and required to determine what amount of the mulberry could be cultivated by the aforesaid individuals on said land, without materially interfering with its present agricultural operations, being also influenced in estimating said quantity, by the amount of labouring force belonging to the said institution, which could conveniently be diverted from said operations, or which may not be employed as aforesaid, but could properly be applied to the production of raw silk, and shall also estimate the probable sum of money that may be required to purchase the same, and give timely notice to the commissioners for Montgomery county, that said sum may be by them levied for this use, at the laying of the annual levy for said county, for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; *Provided however,* that said sum does not exceed sixty dollars, and they shall have power to apply, if necessary, any sum of money, not exceeding five dollars, now in their hands, or which may hereafter come into their hands, to enable them to decide correctly on the subjects referred to them in this section.

Trustees directed.

Considerations to determine them.

Notice to commissioners.

Levy, not over \$60. Information fee.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That said trustees, on the receipt of said sum, shall expend the same as soon after its receipt as may conveniently be, in the purchase of buds and cuttings of the multicaulis (or Chinese) mulberry, and have the same planted and cultivated, in the manner they may deem expedient, on the ground belonging to said institution.

Purchase and planting authorized.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That whenever the said trustees may think proper, they are hereby authorized and required to estimate the amount of money necessary to erect a cocoonery of a suitable size on said land, and also shall estimate the amount of money necessary for the purchase of a reel or reels, books of instruction, and for such other purposes as may be strictly and

Estimate of cocoonery.

Reels.