

AN ACT to extend the Powers of the Commissioners of the School Fund in Queen Anne's County, and to encourage the establishment of Free Schools in said County.—1830, ch. 160.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Fund to be distributed. That the commissioners of the school fund for Queen Anne's county be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to apportion and distribute equally amongst the several primary school districts in said county, as they are now laid off and divided, (except the Centreville district,) such sum or sums of money as now are, or may be hereafter placed under their direction by legislative enactment, or which they may from time to time receive for interest or dividends on the funds invested by them, and to pay the same semi-annually to the trustees of the several school districts in said county, as is herein after directed; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, to alter or change any of the said school districts, whenever in their judgment the interest and convenience of the people shall require it; *Provided,* Proviso. that any alteration or change which they shall make, or authorize to be made, shall be set forth in writing, under their hands and seals, and filed with the clerk of the county, to be recorded by him according to law.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of the school fund aforesaid, be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to appoint annually, in the month of March, three trustees in each of the primary school districts in said county, Trustees to be appointed. (except as herein before excepted,) who before they shall act as such, shall swear, or affirm, as the case may be, before a justice of the peace, that they will faithfully and diligently discharge their duties as trustees for the district in which they shall have been appointed, and shall deliver a certificate of their qualification to the said commissioners, who shall thereafter pay to the said trustees, or to their order, in semi-annual payments, the amount which they shall have assigned for the use of the said district.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That whenever the resident inhabitants in any of the districts aforesaid, shall raise, either by a voluntary tax, contribution, or otherwise, a sum of money which, added to the amount assigned and appropriated for the use of the said district by the commissioners aforesaid, as will establish a common free school therein, the trustees of the said district shall be, and they are hereby empowered, to apply the same to that purpose, otherwise they shall apply it to the education of the indigent children in their district; and if there be no school therein, they may have said children instructed at any school which may be most convenient; *Pro-* Free schools. *vided,* Proviso. the tuition of the said children shall not exceed ten dol-