

said inhabitants, at a meeting held the twenty-first of December last, are invested with all the powers conferred by this act, upon the trustees hereafter to be elected.

Penalty for neglect to serve as trustee.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any trustee, after consenting to serve, shall resign before his time expires, or neglect or refuse to discharge the duties imposed upon him by this act, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the collector of said district, or in the name of either of the trustees, in an action of debt, before any justice of the peace of said county, and applied to the use of the school of said district; and if the office of any trustee shall become vacant by the death of such trustee, or his removal out of the district, or from any other cause, the remaining trustees, or any three of the taxable inhabitants of said district may by a written public notice, call a meeting of such inhabitants, a majority of which meeting shall elect another trustee to serve till the next annual meeting.

Vacancies.

Levy authorized.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of said district, shall have power to levy upon all the assessable property of said district, except the property of coloured persons, the sum of one hundred dollars, for repairing and fitting up the school-house now belonging to said district; to levy annually on said property, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for the employment of a teacher; to employ a teacher and fix his salary; to adopt regulations for the school, and to receive from the commissioners of the school fund of Queen Anne's county, such portion of that or any other fund, as may be allowed to any other primary or free school in said county.

Employ teacher.

Collector; duties, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees in the month of January every year, shall appoint a collector; who shall give bond in like manner, and whose duties and powers shall be the same as those prescribed in the eleventh section of the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, for the instruction of youth in primary schools, and shall in the month of June, every year, place in his hands a list of the persons owning or holding property in said district, with the sums levied on each, together with a warrant annexed thereto, requiring the said collector to collect from such persons the sums aforesaid, before the first day of the following December; and the said taxes shall be levied for the amount required, according to the valuation made of such property on the books of the levy court; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said court, to furnish such trustees with a list of such valuation or such other statement as they may require.

Accounts.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees shall keep an account of their proceedings, and report the same to the taxable inhabitants of the district at their annual meetings, or