

May condemn land for school; not more than half an acre.

To be valued.

Or may purchase.

Levy \$4000 for support of primary schools.

cated in said district or districts, and where the school commissioners cannot obtain said land at fair prices, then, and in that case, the said school commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized to condemn said land; *Provided always*, they, the commissioners, shall not be permitted to condemn more than half an acre for each school, and where the commissioners do condemn land for the benefit of said school or schools, then and in that case, the commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized to cause a plot and certificate to be made out by the surveyor of said county, of said lands, and to be returned to the clerk of said county, to be by him recorded among other land records of said county; and that in all cases in which it may be necessary for the school commissioners to condemn land under the provisions of this act, the land so condemned, shall be valued by three disinterested persons, one to be chosen by the owner of the land, one by the school commissioners, and the two persons thus chosen are to select a third; and the three persons thus selected, or a majority of them, after taking an oath fairly and justly to value the land so condemned, shall proceed to view and value the same, and to name the sum which said school commissioners shall pay for said lands—and after the valuation, they shall make a full return to the clerk of the county, of the amount of valuation, together with the plot of said lands; and the said school commissioners shall, immediately upon the return being made, be, and they are hereby authorized to take possession of the said lands thus condemned, to be used for the purposes intended by the provisions of this bill; and the commissioners are also authorized to erect on said lot or lots, a suitable school-house or houses, as the case may be, and to pay for said lot or lots, and the cost of erecting or building of said school-house or houses, out of the money to be drawn out of the hands of the treasurer of the school fund for said county, as herein provided, and the overplus, if any, the said commissioners shall apply to the support of the said school or schools; *Provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to prevent the school commissioners of said county from purchasing any house to be used for a school-house, if they may deem it expedient to do so.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, the county commissioners of the tax, in and for Dorchester county, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to levy annually upon the real and personal property of said county, the sum of four thousand dollars, for the use and support of primary schools in said county, and that the said four thousand dollars be collected and paid over to the treasurer of the school fund for said county, in the manner