

173. They shall have free access to the books and accounts of the treasurer of Baltimore county, and all books in the office of the county commissioners of said county, so far as they in any manner relate to the receipt and payment of the school tax.

174. The grand jury for said county shall, at the March term of the Circuit Court in each year, and at any other time they may deem necessary, examine the books and accounts of said treasurer in account with the school commissioners and the school fund, and shall also examine and inspect the books and accounts of the school commissioners and their treasurer, and make a stated account of their receipts and expenditures for the current year, and report the same to the Circuit Court for said county, and the said report shall be recorded by the clerk of said court in the proceedings thereof, and the county commissioners shall have the same published in one or more newspapers published in said county.

175. The county commissioners of said county shall annually levy a tax not exceeding eight cents on the hundred dollars on the assessable property of the county, for the support of public schools, and to be applied as hereinbefore directed.

176. One-half of all fines imposed by the Circuit Court for said county and by justices of the peace thereof, shall be paid to the treasurer of the school commissioners; saving and excepting the rights of informers to and in said fines.

177. The board of school commissioners shall have power to establish as many schools in the county as the school fund may be adequate to support, and in such situations as the public convenience may require, and to provide suitable rooms for their accommodation.

178. They shall employ teachers and fix their salaries, prescribe the course of study and books to be used, and make all such by-laws for their own government, and rules and regulations for the management of the schools, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, as they may deem expedient, and may modify and repeal the same at their pleasure.

179. They may establish such grades of public schools and in such proportion as to the number of each grade as they may deem best.