

located, or to the renting or leasing and the necessary repairs of the same, and to the defraying of any expense which may be properly incident to the said objects.

188. The school commissioners may themselves, or if they deem it more judicious, may appoint a commission of three or more persons, with the aid of a surveyor, to lay off and divide the county into a suitable number of school districts, in each of which they shall locate one public school, and shall supply at such location a public school-house capable of accommodating as many scholars as such school district may be reasonably expected to contain.

189. If the school commissioners shall appoint commissioners and a surveyor to make the division and location directed in the preceding section, they are authorized upon the return of the commission and the approval thereof, to pay for such service such compensation as they may deem proper.

190. The school commissioners may receive donations for such sites or locations for school-houses as may be designated, if any be offered, or may purchase the same and build school-houses thereon in each of the school districts laid off and approved by them, or may purchase any house already built which may be found suitably located in any of said school districts, or may rent or lease the same in their discretion, but in no case shall the said commissioners occupy any site or build a school-house thereon until a good and sufficient title shall have been obtained for the same in the corporate name of the school commissioners of Baltimore county.

191. The said school commissioners shall not expend more than four hundred dollars for the building of any school-house, or the purchase of any house already built, unless the school district for which the same is to be built or purchased shall, in the opinion of the board of school commissioners, be required to accommodate over one hundred pupils.

192. If the levy of the public school-house fund yields a larger sum than may be found necessary for the purposes for which it is levied, the excess shall be carried by the school commissioners to the credit of the school fund proper of said county.