

census of the poor children above eight years of age within his sub-division, whose parents or those under whose care they may be are unable to pay for the tuition of such children, and said census shall be reported to the levy court of the said counties as soon as may be by the said trustees.

Money to be levied

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of said counties be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to levy and assess on the assessable property of the said counties, annually, the sum of twelve dollars for each child included in the census reported by the said trustees, and the further sum of fifty dollars to be applied as hereinafter directed, and the collector of the said county shall collect the monies so levied as other county charges are collected, and pay the same as is hereinafter directed.

By 1817, ch 49, the property of no person in Kent county, unless assessed to 300 dollars, to be taxed for the purposes of this act.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said treasurer of the school funds shall demand and receive of the collector of said county, the amount of said tax collected by him; *Provided*, he shall previously give bond, with approved security, to the levy court of the said counties, under such penalty as the said court shall require, for the faithful application of the monies received by him to the purposes hereinafter directed.

To be paid to treasurer of school funds.

Proviso.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees shall authorise the parents, or such persons under whose care said children may be, to send them to the nearest and most convenient school; *Provided*, that each child shall be entered at the commencement of a quarter of the year, and shall not be continued at school at the public charge for a longer period than three years.

Parents authorised to send children to school.

Proviso.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said trustees, whenever a neighbourhood shall be without a school, shall endeavour, in conjunction with the people of the neighbourhood, to establish a school therein.

Trustees may establish schools.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the first named trustee in each district shall be the president of the board of trustees in each district, who may draw an order or orders every six months on the treasurer of the school funds, for the tuition of any child or children authorised to be educated at the public charge, in the manner heretofore directed.

First named trustee to be president

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said treasurer shall settle his accounts annually with the levy court of the said county, and the said court shall allow him the sum of fifty dollars, authorised to be levied as aforesaid, as a compensation for his services.

Accounts to be settled annually.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED. That whenever the school fund of this state shall be distributed in the several counties herein mentioned, then and in that case the levy court of said counties shall levy no more money for the purposes aforesaid than will in addition to the distributive of said counties make up a sum sufficient to pay the tuition of the children aforesaid.

When school fund is distributed levy to cease.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in Talbot county no property shall be taxed for the purposes mentioned in this act, unless it shall appear to be assessed to the amount of two hundred dollars.

Tax in Talbot

See note under section 3, as to Kent county.