paying the said money according to this act; and the treasurer of the western shore shall apply the money so receiv- CHAP. 169. ed agreeably to the provisions of the act, in this section first mentioned, and in such manner as that all arrearages of compensation shall be paid, and deficiencies therein that may have accrued, or hereafter shall accrue, in any year, may be paid out of the excess of receipts of any other year or years. if there be any such excess.

CHAPTER 160.

An Act to extend the Powers of the Commissioners of Passed Feb 23, the School Fund in Queen-Anne's County, and to encourage the establishment of Free Schools in said County.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Fund to be Maryland, That the commissioners of the school fund for distributed Queen-Anne's county be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to apportion and distribute equally amongst the several primary school districts in said county, as they are now laid off and divided, (except the Centreville district,) such sum or sums of money as now are, or may be hereafter placed under their direction by legislative enactment, or which they may from time to time receive for interest or dividends on the funds invested by them, and to pay the same semi-annually to the trustees of the several school districts in said county, as is hereinafter directed: and the said commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered, to alter or change any of the said school districts. whenever in their judgment the interest and convenience of the people shall require it; Provided, that any altera- Proviso tion or change which they shall make, or authorise to be made, shall be set forth in writing under their hands and seals, and filed with the clerk of the county, to be recorded by him according to law.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of Trustees to be the school fund aforesaid, be and they are hereby authoris. appointed ed and directed, to appoint annually, in the month of March, three trustees in each of the primary school districts in said county, (except as hereinbefore excepted.) who before they shall act as such, shall swear, or affirm, as