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the case may be, before a justice of the peace, that they

BEAP. 160. will faithfully and diligently discharge their duties as trustees for the district in which they shall have been appointed, and shall deliver a certificate of their qualification to the said commissioners, who shall thereafter pay to the said trustees, or to their order, in semi-annual payments, the amount which they shall have assigned for the use of the

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said district. Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That whenever the resident inhabitants in any of the districts aforesaid, shall raise, either by a voluntary tax, contribution, or otherwise, a sum of money which, added to the amount assigned and appropriated for the use of the said district by the commissioners aforesaid, as will establish a common free school therein, the trustees of the said district shall be, and they are

hereby empowered, to apply the same to that purpose, otherwise they shall apply it to the education of the indigent children in their district; and if there be no school therein, they may have said children instructed at any

school which may be most convenient; Provided, the tuition of the said children shall not exceed ten dollars each per annum; and should there be any excess, after the tuition of the said children shall have been paid for, the trustees aforesaid shall pay over the same to the commissioners of the school fund, to be divided and distributed by them according to the provisions of the first section of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the trustees aforesaid

Sec. 5. And be it enacted. That the commissioners of

commissioners of the school fund, the state and condition of the schools in their respective school districts, and shall particularly notice the application of the fund which shall

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the school fund, shall in the month of January next, and annually thereafter, transmit to the legislature a detailed statement of their proceedings under this act. Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That from and after the first Centreville a day of January next, the Centreville Academy shall be, and is hereby declared to be a free school, so long as it shall be endowed by the state, and scholars from any part of the said county shall be admitted therein free of any charge whatever, except such as may be necessary for the purchase of fuel, and keeping the academy building in repair; Provided, the said academy shall remain under the Proviso. direction and government of the present board of trustees and their successors in office.

cation of fund shall annually, in the month of November, report to the

have been placed under their directions.