

68. The boards of school commissioners shall decide how the text books and stationery shall be distributed, and upon what terms they shall be sold, or the use of them be granted to pupils; *provided, always*, that the district commissioner is of opinion that the parent or guardian of any pupil is unable to pay the expense of books, he may then permit the use of books to such pupil free of all charge.

69. There shall be a special clerk appointed by the State Superintendent, who shall attend to receiving and distributing text books and stationery, and shall keep all accounts connected therewith, and perform such other duties as the superintendent may direct, receiving for his services the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller, and the certificate of the superintendent.

#### HIGH SCHOOLS.

70. There shall be for each county at least one high school, in which instruction shall be given to males and females in the higher branches of English and scientific education, and in the Latin and Greek languages and mathematics, sufficient to prepare youth to enter any one of the State colleges, under control of the Council of University of Maryland; the terms of admission to the high schools, shall be determined by the State Board of Education; the number of high schools in the city of Baltimore shall be determined by the board of school commissioners.

71. Whenever the board of school commissioners of any two counties shall think it expedient, they may, with the consent of the Board of Education, unite their funds, and establish at some convenient and central location, a Union High School, which shall be open to youth of both counties.

72. Such Union High Schools shall be governed by a joint committee, consisting of two members of each county board, and shall be subject to the visitation and examination equally of the president of the board of school commissioners of each county, uniting to establish the school.