

3. When lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, and the school district board shall from any cause be unable to contract with the owner thereof, the board of county school commissioners may apply for a writ of *ad quod damnum* to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the sheriff shall execute the said writ, and return an inquisition describing the land and stating the amount of damages to be paid to the owner, and the judge of the circuit court for the county may, at any time after the return of the inquisition, in term or during recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition, on such notice to the parties as he may direct, and confirm or quash the same; and if he quashes the inquisition, he shall order a new one forthwith to be taken, but no lot so taken or enlarged shall exceed in the whole one acre, including the land occupied by the school buildings.

Condemnation
for sites.

Writ, *ad quod
damnum*.

Inquisition.

Confirmed, &c.

4. In all cases when school house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the cost thereof shall be paid as other school house property is paid for.

Cost of sites.

CHAPTER VI.

Schools.

SEC. 1. In every school house district in each county, established as hereinbefore provided, there shall be kept for ten months in each year, one or more schools, according to population, which shall be free to all white youth over six and under eighteen years of age.

How long
schools kept
open.

Free to whites.

2. In every district school there shall be taught orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Maryland; and good behavior. Algebra, book-keeping, natural philosophy, vocal music, drawing physiology, the laws of health and of domestic economy shall also be taught whenever the school district board shall deem it expedient.

What taught.