

previous to such application) of any deaf and dumb person of teachable age and capacity, not exceeding the age of twenty-one years, to inquire into the age and capacity of said deaf and dumb person, and also into the ability of such person, his or her parent or guardian, to pay the expense of his or her education; and if satisfied by evidence produced that such person is of teachable age, and is endowed with capacity to receive instruction, and that neither such person, his or her parents or guardian, is possessed of means to pay for such instruction, then it shall be the further duty of the county commissioners, or of the mayor and city council of Baltimore aforesaid, to certify the same to the governor of this State.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 33, sec. 2. 1860, ch. 129, sec. 2. 1863, ch. 68.

2. On receiving the certificate of the county commissioners, or of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the governor to authorize the instruction of said deaf and dumb person in the Maryland institute for the deaf and dumb, located at Frederick, for a term not exceeding seven years; and it shall be the further duty of the governor, on the certificate of the president of said institution that such deaf and dumb person has been taught at said institution, to order the comptroller of the treasury to draw his warrant on the treasurer of this State for two hundred dollars per annum, for each deaf and dumb person taught in pursuance of his authority at said institution, payable to the president thereof, in quarterly payments, on the first days of January, April, July and October, in each year; and the governor shall also order the comptroller of the treasury to draw on the treasurer his warrant, payable to the proper party, for the expenses necessarily incurred in transporting and returning said deaf and dumb person; provided, that the whole amount drawn from the treasury, for the purposes aforesaid, shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars in any one year; provided, further, that the governor shall dispose of applications in behalf of deaf and dumb persons, under the provisions of this article, in the order in which they may be made; and if the applications be more than sufficient to absorb the foregoing appropriation, he shall suspend the action upon the excess until vacancies occur, or further provision be made by the general assembly.