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JOSEPH KENT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

Sec Sec 1825.
Constables
oath.

3. *And be it enacted,* That in addition to the oaths or affirmations heretofore required to be taken by constables, they shall take an oath or affirmation, as follows, to wit: I. A. B. constable of, — do swear or affirm as the case may be, that I will, to the best of my ability perform all the duties required of me by the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the several supplements thereto, without favor, affection or partiality.

Exceptions.
Levy court
to make pro-
visions for in-
firm.

4. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to authorise any justice of the peace in this state, to apply the provisions of this act to free negroes or mulattoes, who from decease, old age, or any other bodily infirmity are unable to support themselves by labor; and the levy courts in the several counties of this state, are hereby authorised and required to make such suitable provision for all such free negroes or mulattoes as in their judgment may be necessary for their support and maintenance.

CHAPTER 152.

Passed Feb
28, 1826.

An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state.

Office of su-
perintendent.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be constituted and appointed by the governor and council, an officer to be known and distinguished as the superintendent of public instruction.

His duties

2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said superintendent to digest and prepare a plan or plans for the public instruction of youth throughout this state, for the organization, improvement and management of such system as may be adopted, and of such revenues as may from time to time, be assigned and appropriated to the general objects of the institution; to prepare and report estimates and expenditures of the said revenues; to superintend the collection thereof; to apportion the funds; to perform such duties in relation thereto, as may by law, be required of him; to give information to the legislature on all matters referred to him by either branch, or which shall appertain to his office; and generally to execute all concerns in relation to the administration of his department; and before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall take an oath or affirmation for the diligent and faithful execution of the duties of his office.

Levy courts
to appoint
commission-
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3. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the levy court in each of the several counties of this state, in the month of April, or at any special meeting for that purpose to be called, shall annually appoint nine of the inhabitants of their respective counties, to be commissioners of primary schools for the said county; also a suitable number of discreet persons, not exceeding eighteen, who, together with the commissioners, shall be in-