

## CHAPTER 149.

AN ACT amendatory to an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter two hundred and six, to establish Primary Schools in Dorchester county, to lay off a school district in number eight election district in said county, to be called the Union School district. Passed April 29, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said school district commence at the Choptank river, at the division fence between Michael Mitchell and Josiah Mitchell, and running to the eastward of Michael Mitchell's house, until it intersects Ross' Neck road, thence running with said road until it reaches Hudson's creek, thence running down said creek to John W. Marshall's land, crossing said Marshall's lands to John Spedden's on Brannock's bay, including said Spedden's farm, thence running northerly with the water to the end of Cook's Point, including Cook's Point, running up the Great Choptank river, including Todd's Point, binding with the said river to the place of beginning, including all the lands within said limits, to be included in the Union school district. District where to commence.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the county commissioners of Dorchester county shall appoint five commissioners for the Union school district, to have the whole control of said school, and to employ and discharge the teacher of said school at pleasure, and to draw on the treasurer of the school fund of Dorchester county, or the collector of the tax, as the case may be, semi-annually, who shall pay to the order of the said commissioners their equal proportion of the school fund, that the district number eight may be entitled to agreeably to the number of white children between the ages of six and twenty-one years in said district, and in case the said funds shall not be sufficient to carry on the school, then the said commissioners shall have power, if they deem it expedient to do so, to levy upon the parents and guardians of each child that shall go to the above named school, any sum not to exceed fifty cents per month for each child, to be collected as other small debts are collected, for the purpose of carrying on said school; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise the said commissioners to tax any parent or guardian who is not assessed or in their opinion able to pay such tax. Five commissioners to be appointed. Proviso.