

Lancaster, Miller and Wilson, appointed March 21st, 1878, for the purpose of investigating the condition of the bequest of the late Morris McDonough, of Charles County, Maryland, met March 27th, present, Senators Lancaster and Miller.

Marcellus Thompson being sworn, testified: "I am Register of Wills of Charles County." (The order appointing the Committee was read to witness, as follows:

"Ordered, That whereas, a certain Morris McDonough, by his last will and testament, executed in 1804, and now of record in the office of Register of Wills for Charles County, by his said last will and testament, devised and bequeathed certain properties and assets of his estate, to be invested and applied for the education of children of indigent parents, residing in certain sections of Charles County, and also by his said will, requested that such laws should be passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, as might be necessary to give force and effect for carrying out the purposes of his said bequest; and, whereas, the said General Assembly at its Session held in the year 1807, Chapter 130, did pass a law for that purpose; and, whereas, the indigent children intended to be provided for under the bequest, have had no benefit, as is believed, of said bequest; and, whereas, the Trustees of said McDonough Charity School Fund have for many years made no report of the condition of the said Charity School Fund, although expressly required to do so annually by the terms both of the will and of the Act of Assembly; and whereas, it is right and proper that the matter should be inquired into, and the condition of the fund, ascertained; therefore, be it ordered, That the President of the Senate shall forthwith appoint a Committee of three Senators to examine into, investigate and report to this Body as soon as practicable, the condition of the McDonough Charity School Fund of Charles County, that said report shall show the date of the last report of the Trustees of the said fund, and its recitals, what losses, if any, have been sustained by the fund, by whom, when, to what extent and on account of what cause, and what amounts are now on hand, and how invested, and if the same be loaned out to individuals or corporations, to ascertain and report the names of such individuals or corporations, on what security they have borrowed and hold the same, and the several amounts of indebtedness to the fund; and be it further ordered, That to make effective the foregoing, the said Committee are authorized to send for persons and papers, which may, in their judgment, be useful for the purposes of the investigation, and are hereby empowered to examine witnesses under oath."