

accurate statement of the condition of the colleges of the State.

To distribute blank forms.

Sec. 3. To secure uniformity and completeness in these reports, the State Superintendent is directed to prepare suitable blank forms and to distribute them when requested to the parties concerned.

### CHAPTER III.

Commissioners, &c., not to take contract.

SECTION 1. No member of a Board of School Commissioners shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract for building school houses or furnishing articles purchased for the schools under his charge, whether for permanent use or immediate consumption.

### SOURCES OF INCOME.

#### CHAPTER I.

Annual State tax of 15 cents on the \$100.

SECTION 1. A State tax of fifteen cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property throughout the State, shall be levied annually for the support of the free public schools, which tax shall be collected at the same time and by the same agents as the general State levy, and shall be paid into the Treasury of the State, to be distributed by the Treasurer to the Boards of School Commissioners of the city of Baltimore and the several counties in proportion to their respective population between the ages of five and twenty years.

Free school fund.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer shall pay as heretofore to each of the counties and the city of Baltimore, the proportion of the free school fund to which such city or county is entitled under the provisions of the laws and resolutions existing at the time this act is adopted, after deducting the several amounts specially appropriated from the surplus revenue fund, and he shall pay the same to the Treasurer of the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore city and of the several counties.

Donations to be continued.

Sec. 3. The several academies shall respectively receive the donations granted to them by