

CHAP. 129.

CHAPTER 129.

Passed March 2, 1860. AN ACT to amend article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the education of the deaf and dumb, by striking out the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections thereof, and substituting the following sections therefor :

Duty of levy courts, &c, in relation to the deaf and dumb. SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the levy courts and the county commissioners of the several counties of this State, and of the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, on the application of any parent, guardian or next friend, provided such parent, guardian or next friend has been a bona fide citizen of this State for at least two years 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 levy court and county commissioners, or of the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore aforesaid, to certify the same to the Governor of this State.

Duty of Governor to authorise instruction. SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That on receiving the certificate of the levy court and county commissioners, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor to authorise the instruction of said deaf and dumb person in the Pennsylvania Institution for the deaf and dumb, or in the Columbian Institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind, at the option of such person, his or her parents, guardian, or next friend, for a term not exceeding seven years ; and it shall be the further duty of the Governor, on the certificate of the president or superintendent of either of said institutions, as the case may be, that such deaf and dumb person has been