

CHAP. 322. cal laws shall be so altered as to read as follows :
That the county commissioners of Washington shall levy a tax on the assessable property of said county sufficient for the use of the public schools of said county, to be appropriated under the direction of the board of school commissioners.

Repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That section two hundred and seventy-five, of article twenty-one of the code of public local laws be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the following be enacted in lieu thereof: The children attending public schools in Washington county shall be admitted free of charge for nine months in each and every year.

Children admitted to school free of charge.

CHAPTER 322.

Passed March 10, 1860. AN ACT entitled, an act to amend the sixty-fifth article of the Code of Public General Laws, by repealing the forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth and forty-sixth sections of said article and by adding thereto certain new sections, prohibiting manumission of negro slaves and authorising free negroes to renounce their freedom and become slaves.

Manumission of negroes prohibited.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth and forty-sixth sections of the sixty-fifth article of the Code of Public General Laws, which authorise and regulate the manumission of slaves, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that the following section be inserted in the said article in lieu of and as a substitute for the sections so repealed: No slaves shall henceforth be manumitted by deed or by last will and testament, nor shall the fact of a negro's going at large and acting as free or not being claimed by an owner, be considered as evidence of the execution heretofore of any deed or will manumitting the party or as a ground for presuming freedom; *Provided*, that this section shall not apply to such negroes as may have been heretofore manumitted by deed

Proviso,