

CHAPTER 230.

CHAP. 230.

*An act relating to the School Fund of Harford County.*

Passed March 6, 1842.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Orphan's Court of Harford county shall have full power to examine the accounts of any teacher presented for payment out of the School Fund, and if any fraud is practised to reject such account.

Orphans' Court to examine accounts.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Court shall not pay out of the school fund for the education or teaching of any apprentice or child living with any one in the character of apprentice, whether said apprentice be bound by indentures or not; *provided* the master or mistress of such apprentice owns assessable property to the amount of five hundred dollars.

Court not to pay for education of apprentice.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Court shall not pay for teaching the children of the following persons, to wit; first, the children of fathers who are assessed on the books of the county commissioners, with property to the value of five hundred dollars; secondly, the children who have no fathers residing in the county but whose mothers are assessed as aforesaid to the value of fifteen hundred dollars.

Persons not to be paid for.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the school commissioners, shall not certify that any account made out under the former laws on this subject is correct, unless such commissioner knows of his own knowledge that the children named in such account are children for whose teaching the school-master or teacher ought to be paid out of the school fund, such commissioner shall so certify on such account.

Commissioners not to certify but upon his own knowledge.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the Orphan's Court are authorized to recover all accounts and certificates to prevent frauds, and to see that the funds are properly applied according to the charitable and humane designs of the law.

Court to see fund properly applied.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That no school commissioner shall be considered elected unless he receives a majority of all the votes cast in his election district; and in case of failure to elect, or if there occur vacancies from any cause, then the Orphan's Court shall appoint suitable persons to fill such vacancies, and no commissioner appointed by the Orphan's Court shall be entitled to any compensation for his services.

Commissioner to receive majority of votes cast.