

*An act to provide for the instruction of indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State.* Passed Mar. 1, 1850.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a sum, not exceeding two thousand dollars, be annually appropriated out of the interest upon the surplus fund now belonging to the State of Maryland, to be applied under the direction of the Governor, for the instruction or placing for instruction in some suitable or convenient institution established for that purpose, such indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State, as may be duly recommended to him by the commissioners or levy court of each county in the State, and by the judges of the orphans court of Baltimore city and county, in which such indigent blind person may reside, stating that such blind persons are in such indigent circumstances as to be unable from their own resources, or those of their parents, to obtain instruction for themselves, and are of good natural capacity; *provided also,* that each person so to be instructed shall have attained the age of nine years, and that the amount per annum, for any one individual, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, nor the term of instruction eight years.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if the said sum of two thousand dollars herein appropriated, shall not be used or exhausted in any one year, then the balance may be applied to the purposes mentioned in this act, in any subsequent year or years, in addition to the appropriation for such subsequent year or years.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor shall report annually to the Legislature the amount of money expended by him in pursuance of the provisions of this act, and the names, ages and places of residence of the different applicants under this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the act to provide for the instruction of indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter one hundred and seventy-three, and all other acts or supplements providing for the instruction of the indigent blind of this State, be and they are hereby repealed.