

CHAPTER 169.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854. AN ACT to authorize a single Justice of the Peace to take acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments.

Single justice competent. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a single justice of the peace shall be competent to take acknowledgments of deeds or other instruments of writing in all the cases where two justices of the peace are now required.

Fee. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That a single justice of the peace, who is hereby authorised to take acknowledgments in cases where two justices were before required, shall be entitled to demand and receive the fee heretofore allowed to him for such service.

In force. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the first day of April next.

CHAPTER 170.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854: AN ACT entitled an act appointing commissioners to establish a free school in or near the Long Old Fields, Prince George's county.

Commissioners. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas R. Brooks, James J. Jarboe and William F. Berry, of Prince George's county, he, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they or a majority of them are hereby authorised and empowered, to establish and locate a free school in or near the village of the Long Old Fields, in said county, if in their opinion it will conduce to the interests of the inhabitants of said village and neighborhood.

Authorised to condemn land. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, proceed to locate said school, and they are hereby authorised to condemn a lot of land in or near said village, upon which to erect a school house, and contract for and superintend the erection thereof, and