

Dec. Ses. 1821.

That from and after the passage of this act, all the powers heretofore vested by the act of assembly to which this act is a supplement, in Ephraim K. Wilson, Thomas N. Williams, George Hayward, Joshua Prideaux, Billy Fookes, John Cottingham, senior, William Quinton, Ebenezer Christopher, and Doctor John Stevenson, as commissioners for Worcester county, for the distribution of a certain fund for the establishment of free schools, shall cease, determine, and be at an end; and all the powers aforesaid which were vested in or in any way belonged to the commissioners aforesaid under the provisions of the act to which this act is a supplement, shall be and they are hereby vested in the levy court of Worcester county.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the levy court aforesaid, to appoint in each and every election district of Worcester county, in every year, three discreet men, whose duty it shall be to select in their respective neighborhoods and districts, such children as are in their judgments entitled to the benefits of the fund for establishing free schools, viz: white orphan children without property, and other poor white children whose parents are unable to pay for their schooling, and the same to put to school at the best and most convenient schools: *Provided*, That in no instance, the amount for schooling in any district shall exceed the sum assigned by the levy court to such district; *And provided also*, that no agent shall be authorised to pay for the board of any child or children by him put to school.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the agents aforesaid, to return annually to the levy court of said county, an account of the children schooled in their districts respectively, and the accounts of the different teachers by them employed, under the oath of such teachers, to be settled and paid by said court.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to the order of the levy court of Worcester county, the proportion of the school fund aforesaid belonging to said county, and which may not have been paid to the commissioners appointed in virtue of the act to which this act is a supplement or their authorised agent, and all other and further sums which may accrue hereafter on said fund belonging to the county: and the levy court aforesaid is hereby authorised and empowered to vest the aforesaid fund, as well such part as is now due, as all other sums arising hereafter, in good and profitable stock, or to place the same at interest on sufficient personal or property securities—always requiring in the event of the adoption of the latter course, the punctual payment of the interest annually.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid appointed under the act to which this act is a supplement, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to pay over to the levy court aforesaid, the money or any balance thereof which they or their authorised agent may have drawn from time to time from the treasury of the state, and which may not have been expended by said commissioners according to the provisions of the act to which this act is a supplement, and as well to deliver over to the levy court aforesaid, all bonds, bills obligatory and obligations of whatsoever kind or kinds they may have or hold as evidence of debt for any part of the school fund aforesaid, and which may have been by the said

Levy court to select persons in each district.

Proviso.

To report annually.

State treasurer to pay—levy court may vest.

Commissioners to pay over balance to levy court.