

or college, and shall furnish the necessary school books, free of any charge, to at least one poor child for every hundred dollars that such school, academy or college receives from the State; and makes it the duty of said trustees to select the number of children to be educated agreeably to the provisions of this act from among the poor children of the county or counties to which such school, academy or college belongs, having due regard to the pecuniary situation of the persons so selected; and to make annual returns to the Legislature of the number of poor children educated at their respective schools, academies or colleges. And by the act of 1835, chapter 351, it is made the duty of the trustees or other person or persons, or bodies corporate of the several schools, academies and colleges, which receive donations from the State, to report to the Treasurer, on or before the 20th day of January in each and every year, an accurate account of their proceedings, together with the situation of their several institutions; and makes it the duty of the Treasurer to transmit such reports to the Legislature within the month. And the said act further provides, that all trustees or other person or persons, or body corporate of the several schools, academies and colleges as aforesaid, who may refuse or neglect, after having been required so to do, to comply with the requisitions of the act of 1823, chapter 141, that then and in that case the Treasurer shall withhold said donation until the requisitions of said act shall be complied with. The present year some have reported to the Legislature only, others to the Treasurer, and the greater number since the 20th of January. To guard against such omissions for the future, the committee have thought it best to advert to the provisions of the several acts of Assembly on this subject, to the end that a strict compliance with the laws may be hereafter required.

Reports have been received from the Orphans' Court of Calvert county in relation to the school fund of said county, and from the commissioners of the school fund for Queen Ann's and St. Mary's counties.

Having heretofore, in obedience to an order of the House, submitted a tabular statement, shewing the several schools, academies and colleges endowed by the State, and the several resolutions, &c. under which the respective donations have been made, together with a statement of the funds set apart for the purpose of education, we think it unnecessary again to enter into detail on that subject, and would, most respectfully, refer the House for any further information to the several accompanying reports.

JNO. HUGHES, Chairman.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Muse,

Leave was granted the Dorchester county delegation, to bring in a bill to make valid a deed therein mentioned.