

missioners may apply for a writ of *ad quod damnum* to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County or the Superior Court for Baltimore City, as the case may be, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the sheriff shall execute the said writ and return an inquisition describing the land and stating the amount of damages to be paid to the owner, and the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County or of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, may, at any time after the return of the inquisition, in term or during the recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition, on such notice to the parties as he may direct, and confirm or quash the same, and if he quashes the inquisition he shall order a new one forthwith to be taken. But no lot so taken or enlarged shall exceed in the whole, one square acre, including the land occupied by the School buildings.

By whom paid.

SEC. 4. In all cases when School house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the cost thereof shall be paid by the County Treasurer, as other County property is paid for.

CHAPTER IV.—SCHOOLS.

School to be kept six months.

SECTION 1. In every School District in each City and County, there shall be kept for at least six months in each year, one, or more Schools, according to population, which shall be free to all youth over six and under nineteen years of age.

What shall be taught.

SEC. 2. In every District School there shall be taught Orthography, Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, the History of the United States and good behavior. Algebra, Book-keeping, Natural Philosophy, Vocal Music, Drawing, Physiology, the Laws of Health and of Domestic Economy shall also be taught when-