

generation will pronounce to have been the highest wisdom.

I propose a tax of fifteen cents in the hundred dollars, leaving all County School Revenues and other sources of Income unchanged until the citizens of the Counties may desire to increase or diminish them.

Fifteen cents in the one hundred dollars, will yield on the old assessment four hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars. This of course will be reduced by the amount of property heretofore held in servants, now emancipated. Supposing all expenses except the salaries of Teachers to be paid out of the County funds, viz: those for building and furnishing School houses, purchasing Books and Apparatus, cost of supervision whether by County Directors or School Commissioners, incidental expenses for fuel, repairs, &c., we would then have from the State about four hundred thousand dollars for salaries of Teachers. Of this one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars will be paid to the City of Baltimore, and two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars to the Counties. In the present estimates we deduct the City's proportion from the total School income, and the population of the City from total of inhabitants in the State according to the census of 1860.

There were in 1860 in the Counties four hundred and seventy-five thousand persons, of these, fifty-four thousand resided in Baltimore County. By reference to the School statistics of this County, I find that the demands of the population require at least one hundred and ten Schools. According to this proportion, one thousand Schools are needed for the whole State, and more than one thousand Teachers. Placing the salaries of Teachers at an average of five hundred dollars per annum it will take five hundred thousand dollars to pay Teachers, while the fifteen cent tax will yield to the Counties only two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars. To this we must add about sixty thousand dollars to be received from the Free School Funds, making in all three hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. From which it appears that the fifteen cents in the