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LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Passed December Session, 1816. AN ACT To provide for the education of Poor Children in Kent, Talbot, Cecil, Anne-Arundel and Montgomery Counties.

Whereas the want of an efficient and well digested system of County Schools, calculated to diffuse the advantages of education throughout the State, has been long felt and sincerely regretted by every friend to morality and good government: And whereas the funds arising from the tax on Bank stock, and appropriated to the above purposes by an act of the General Assembly passed in November session eighteen hundred and twelve, is not as yet sufficient to carry the wise and beneficent intentions of the Legislature completely into effect; yet viewing the incalculable advantages enjoyed by some of our sister states where extensive school funds enable them to disseminate the blessings of education to every class of their citizens, and believing that there is no practicable mode to accomplish so desirable an object in the present situation of the finances of the State, but by laying a moderate tax on the wealthy for the education of the poorer classes of society, there-

7. And be it enacted, That the first named Trustee in each district shall be the president of the board of Trustees in each district, who may draw an order or orders every six months on the Treasurer of any School funds, for the tuition of any child or children authorised to be educated at the public charge, in the manner heretofore directed.

8. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer shall settle his accounts annually with the levy court of the said county, and the said court shall allow him the sum of fifty dollars, authorised to be levied as aforesaid, as a compensation for his services.

9. And be it enacted, That whenever the School fund of this State shall be distributed in the several counties herein mentioned, then and in that case the levy court of said counties shall levy no more money for the purposes aforesaid than will in addition to the distributive share of said Counties make up a sum sufficient to pay the tuition of the children aforesaid.

10. And be it enacted That in Talbot county no property shall be taxed for the purposes mentioned in this act, unless it shall appear to be assessed to the amount of two hundred dollars.

AN ACT Relating to Field-Officers of the State of Maryland.

Whereas by a law of Congress entitled, An act concerning Field Officers of the Militia, approved April the 20th, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, it is declared That from and after the first day of May next, instead of one Lieutenant-Colonel commanding to each Regiment, and one Major to each Battalion of the Militia, as is provided by the act, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States, there shall be one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major to each Regiment of the Militia, consisting of two Battalions; where there shall be only one Battalion, it shall be commanded by a Major; Provided, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to annul any commission in the Militia which may be in force as granted by authority of any State or Territory in pursuance of the act here in recited, bearing date prior to the said first day of May next, there-

fore, Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be (conformably to the aforesaid act of Congress) one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel and one Major, to each Regiment of the Militia of this State, consisting of two Battalions; that where there shall be only one Battalion, it shall be commanded by a Major. 2. And be it enacted, That the Governor and Council forthwith proceed to commission one Colonel and one Lieutenant-Colonel and one Major, to each Regiment of the Militia, consisting of two Battalions as aforesaid; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to annul any commission in the Militia which may now be in force under the act of assembly of this State, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the Militia of this State, and the several supplement thereto.

AN ACT For the temporary relief of the Poor in the several Counties in this State. WHEREAS in the course of Providential dispensation, this state has been visited by the awful calamity of a scarcity of grain, and from a similar calamity the price of grain has been greatly augmented in other countries, so as to induce well grounded apprehension that the poorer citizens may suffer for want of this indispensable article of food. And whereas, it is the duty of a wise and good government to mitigate the sufferings of its citizens as far as is practicable; Therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy courts of the several counties of this state be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to establish a school therein,

2. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall immediately after their appointment, proceed to lay off each election district into even subdivisions, one of which to be allotted to each Trustee, and when so laid off and allotted, each Trustee shall make a census of the poor children above eight years of age within his sub-division, whose parents or those under whose care they may be, are unable to pay for the tuition of such children, and said census shall be reported to the levy court of the said counties, as soon as may be by the said Trustees.

3. And be it enacted, That the levy court of said counties be and they are hereby authorised and directed to levy and assess on the assessable property of the said counties, annually, the sum of twelve dollars for each child included in the census reported by the said Trustees, and the further sum of fifty dollars, to be applied as hereinafter directed, and the collector of said county shall collect the monies so levied as other county charges are collected, and pay the same as is hereinafter directed.

4. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer of the School funds shall demand and receive of the collector of said county, the amount of said tax collected by him; provided, he shall previously give bond, with approved security, to the levy court of the said counties, under such penalty as the said court shall require, for the faithful application of the monies received by him to the purposes hereinafter directed.

5. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall authorise the parents, or such persons under whose care said children may be, to send them to the nearest and most convenient school, provided that each child shall be entered at the commencement of a quarter of the year, and shall not be continued at school at the public charge for a longer period than three years.

6. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees, whenever a neighbourhood shall be without a school, shall endeavour, in conjunction with the people of the neighbourhood, to establish a school therein.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy courts of the several counties of this state be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to establish a school therein,

SALE The subscriber will offer for sale at Hunter's Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, on Saturday, the 23d of March next, at one o'clock, a small boat, built at South River, and belonging to Mr. Wm. Stewart's farm, where he resides, containing about one hundred and forty five acres. This place has many advantages, but it is peculiarly those wishing to purchase will view it. A credit of twelve months will be given; bond with approved security will be required, and upon the expiration conveyance will be made. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Richard Drury, of the City of Annapolis, Feb. 27.

PUBLIC SALE By direction of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, will commence on Monday the 25th day of March instant, at the store of the late Harry Curran, deceased, the sale of an amount of

DRY GOODS The stock of the deceased, among which are a great many articles both useful and fashionable. The sale will be at auction, and commences at 10 o'clock, and continues from day to day until the whole is sold. The terms of sale are, that for all sums above fifty dollars, bonds with approved security will be required, in paying the purchase money, with interest, within six months from the day of sale, and for all sums under fifty dollars the cash to be paid. Nich. Brewer, Dennis Claude, Esrs. March 6.

The above invoice of goods will be disposed of at private sale, on accommodating terms, to a good purchaser, applied for previous to the day of sale. The executors take this opportunity of urging to those persons indebted to the deceased, the necessity for their making immediate payment, as the duties enjoined upon them will not justify delay. N. B. D. C.

State of Maryland, Anne-Arundel county, Orphans Court, February 23d, 1817.

On application by petition of Henning Drury, executor of the last will and testament of Abel Hill, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland-Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. of Wills, for A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given, That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of A. A. county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of John Hill, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the twentieth day of April next, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 22d day of February, 1817. Henrietta Hill, administratrix.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, March 4th, 1817.

On application by petition of Jeremiah Drury, executor of the last will and testament of Abel Hill, late of A. A. County, deceased, it is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given, That the subscriber of A. A. County hath obtained from the orphans court of A. A. County, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Abel Hill, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the twentieth day of April next, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 22d day of March, 1817. Jeremiah Drury, Executor.

NOTICE All persons having claims against Barney Curran, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same to the subscribers by the 15th of April next, and all persons indebted to him are requested to make immediate payment. It is hoped that due attention will be paid to this notice, as legal proceedings will be resorted to against all who disregard it. Nicholas Brewer, Dennis Claude, Esrs. January 23.

The Hillside Stage, Was yesterday removed from Catonsville to Mrs. Wm. Brewer's, where it will be kept, and all persons having any business with it, are requested to call on the above office. John Gassaway, Reg. Wills, Feb. 27.

To Travellers. Persons travelling to Baltimore will find it much the nearest and best way by way of the Middle Ferry, formerly Holland's ferry, which is now kept in good order, and constant attendance, by Henry Johnson and Wm. Arnold; where liquors and horse feed can be had. The road between the ferry and Baltimore has lately been straightened and improved, and is only three miles from the ferry to Mrs. Carroll's Bridge, where it intersects the Washington turnpike road. Jan. 1, 1817. one year.

FOR SALE The subscriber will sell his Landed Estate on Rhode river in Anne-Arundel county, about nine miles below the city of Annapolis; known by the name of the

HAYLANDS. This establishment has long been considered one of the most desirable in Maryland for a country gentleman, possessing as it does the requisites necessary to make it so; such as fertility of soil, fine springs, extreme beauty of situation, light, airy and dry, & a good neighbourhood. The quantity of land between twelve and fifteen hundred acres, well timbered and adjoining those of Col. Merce. The improvements, a large two story brick house with wings, in good repair, overseer's house, quarters, stables, tobacco houses, barns, sheds and strong enclosures. The soil particularly favourable to the growth of tobacco, corn, clover and first quality white wheat, a large proportion of rich natural meadow and the uplands highly susceptible of improvement from the use of plaster. The waters of Rhode river navigable for boats of the largest size, encompass about one fourth part of these lands, which waters abound with crabs, fish, wild fowl and fine oysters, and come nearer than any other on the Chesapeake bay to the city of Washington, having the like and equal advantages, being distant from the city about thirty-two miles and a good road thence to Upper Marlborough.

There has been formerly a mill on these lands, the stream attached to which is plentiful nine months in the year. If desired, all the stock, except the Negroes will be sold, with the farm. The stock is valuable, and consists of about eighty head of Cattle, one hundred Sheep, twelve or fifteen horses, hogs, &c. Mr Gray, manager, will show the farm to any person desirous of making examination. Apply in Baltimore to JAMES CARROLL, 2mo. Jan. 4.

FOR SALE About seven hundred and fifty acres of land, situated in Caroline county, about two hundred and fifty acres of which are cleared, the rest in wood, and white oak timber, equal to any on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; within a mile of the timber land is now erected a saw mill. The above lands are about five miles from the residence of Col. Wm. Richardson, on the Great Choptank, and will be shewn to persons wishing to purchase by Mr. Thomas Cheesman living thereon.

Also the FARM on which Mr. P. W. Stewart resided, situated in Tuckahoe Neck, (Caroline County). This farm contains about five hundred acres of land, about three hundred of which are cleared, the rest in wood and timber. There is also an excellent mill seat thereon. On payment of the consideration money the above lands will be conveyed free of incumbrances. Richard Lookerman. Feb. 15.

FOR SALE The subscriber will sell, Thomas's Point, And the lands adjoining, lying on the Chesapeake Bay, South River, Oyster and Fishing Creeks. These lands abound with ship timber, and wood of almost every description. There is a large quantity of firm marsh belonging to it, and some low ground, which may be converted into meadow at a small expense. There are several small buildings on it. The whole contains between three and four hundred acres. This place is remarkable for fish, oysters and wild fowl. Nov. 21. J. T. Chase.

NEW STORE. G. & J. BARBER, & Co. Have recently received, a complete and general assortment of Dry Goods, Groceries, Glass, Liverpool and Queens Ware, Ironmongery and Cutlery, also a large quantity of Fine and Coarse Salt, Soft Twine, Cider, Also Oats and Corn, &c. &c. All of which we will sell cheap for Cash, or to punctual dealers on short dates. N. B. We will purchase or barter Goods for Flour, Oats and Corn.

TAVERN. BEZIN D. BALDWIN. Respectfully informs the public, that he has opened a Tavern and Boarding House, at that well known stand occupied for many years by Captain James Thomas, in the vicinity to the State House, at all times, under the most convenient resort to strangers, leaving business to transact in any of the public offices. Those who may be inclined to patronize the establishment, are assured that the best accommodations are provided, and the most unremitting attention shall be paid to his guests. This establishment having been always the resort of gentlemen from the Eastern Shore, it is hoped that they will continue to frequent it; and so far as attention, good fare, and moderate rates, can support the character of an establishment so well known, he pledges himself they shall not be wanting. Boarders taken by the day, week, month or year, and horses taken at liberty. N. B. Private parties can be accommodated with Terrapins or Oysters at the shortest notice. Sept. 12.

20 Dollars Reward. The above reward will be paid for lodging in gaol, or bringing home negro Sophia, a bright mulatto woman, about eighteen years old, well grown, has large grey eyes, and her hair rather light. The above woman ran away from Col. Waring of Mount Pleasant, about the 15th June, (of whom I purchased her). She has been heard of in the neighbourhood of Mr. William Tillard's near Pig-Point, where it is supposed she has been waiting to get a passage in the packet to Baltimore. She has acquaintances in Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis, and Norfolk. Her clothing not recollected, excepting a green stuff frock. Wm. D. Beanes. Upper Marlboro' Sept. 26.

25 Upper Marlboro' Sept. 26. His Excellency Charles Ridgely, Esquire, Governor of Maryland.

A PROCLAMATION. Whereas it appears from the deposition of Joseph Sprigg, Esq. of Washington county, that about three o'clock in the morning of the fifteenth ultimo, a fire broke out in his stable which entirely consumed it, and that he has strong reasons to believe it had been set on fire by some evil disposed person or persons. And whereas it is of the greatest importance to society that the perpetrator or perpetrators of such a crime should be brought to condign punishment. I have therefore thought proper to issue this my proclamation, and do by and with the advice and consent of the council, offer a reward of two hundred dollars, to any person who shall discover and make known the author or perpetrators of said offence, provided he she or they or any of them be brought to justice. Given in Council at the City of Annapolis under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this thirteenth day of January eighteen hundred and seventeen.

C. RIDGELY, of Hampton, By His Excellency's command, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council. Ordered that the above be published ten times in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Gazette, Federal Republican and Baltimore Telegraph, the Frederick-Town Herald, the Torch Light, Allegany Federalist, and Easton Monitor. By order, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council. Jan. 16.

By His Excellency Charles Ridgely, Esquire, Governor of the State of Maryland. A PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS it appears from the deposition of Upton Bruce, Esquire, of the City of Baltimore, that a negro girl named Rebecca, slave to the said Bruce, did, to answer certain purposes, and to accomplish certain views, give to his infant child, about seven months old, a poisonous dose, and that in a few days afterwards she absconded; I have therefore thought proper to issue this my proclamation, and do by and with the advice and consent of the Council, offer a reward of two hundred dollars to any person who shall apprehend and deliver the said Rebecca to the sheriff of Baltimore county.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State of Maryland, this twenty-second day of January, eighteen hundred and seventeen. C. RIDGELY, of Hamp. By His Excellency's command, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council. Ordered, That the above be published ten times, in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Gazette, Federal Republican, Frederick-Town Herald, the Torch Light, Allegany Federalist, and Easton Monitor. By order, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council, Jan. 23.

POETS CORNER. The following lines were written on the death of a young man of the name of M. Williams, formerly clerk of Rockingham county, Virginia, who died lately, they are taken from the Winchester Gazette. It is said by the author, in a short introduction, that they describe real scenery; that the facts are not the offspring of fancy, but that the whole is almost literally true. The moon was bright, the night was clear— M. Williams' corpse lay buried near, Where shivering, stood an aged seer, Pondering life's sad vicissitude. This hallow'd ground was lifted high: Hush'd was the low that lay hard by; No passing breeze was heard to sigh; Still was the busy multitude. 'Twas midnight;—but one day had fled Since he who was, but none is dead, Slept sweetly in his lowly bed, A God from man's ingratitude. The clock that tells times ceaseless tread, The sigh that says, our hope is fled, The joyless laugh from dreamers' bed, Mark'd well this hour of solitude. Silence, intent to make this hour, Shew forth her awe imposing power, Held in her breath—bade nature cower. As though it were in servitude. Ah! what is that which strikes the eye? Is it a flitting ghost goes by? It seems to laugh;—yet heaves a sigh: How fearful the uncertainty! Hear how it mutters—list,—the cry! It stops,—and now it aims to fly,— Weeps out aloud—approaching nigh. Staggering with decrepitude. I kiss'd him in his coffin twice, It seem'd as though my lips press'd ice. This she repeated more than thrice— Then sunk,—and erone with lassitude. I wrap'd him in his swaddling clothes, And kiss'd his mother, her great God knows. How he'll endure the wintry snows, In this bleak, northern latitude. 'Twas Nancy! one whose wits had fled! By stealth she left her humble bed, To seek, she said, among the dead, The comfort of her widowhood. Poor wretch! forlorn! ah! who can tell The griefs that now thy bosom swell!— Storms he can lull, who storms impel, Or ease thy heart's inquietude. Avant the thought that spurns the rod! The heart is right that owns a God, Unerring rules,—be this men's laud,— Be this high beatitude.

From the Christian Journal. A Female Religiousist—An Extract. Her creed was all creed: she was fond of holding arguments upon a few points on which she considered herself to have attained more light than the generality of plain Christians. She appeared to take little interest in the practical parts of Christianity, about which there is no controversy; and upon those who made any thing more than a distant or casual reference to these subjects, she readily bestowed her enlightened pity. They were "persons in the dark;" and if they were ministers, they were "blind leaders of the blind," and knew nothing of the Gospel. She valued comfort much above consistency, and was more observant of her fancies than of her tenets. She could quote Scripture with great facility; but was fonder of hearing it allegorized than explained. She had by rote the whole string of those phrases, & particular modes of expression, which pass current among some good people, and which, although frequently used with the utmost sincerity, are very far from being evidences of it. Religion assures us of the Protection and Favour of an Almighty Friend.—"Man is born to trouble." His irregular thoughts and desires often agitate his spirit, and sink him in despondency. The tenure by which he holds human enjoyments is so precarious, that, in the very moment of fruition, they may be wrested from him. Numerous are the trials and afflictions to which he is subject, from the unfaithfulness of friends, from the malice of enemies, from the fatigue, perplexity and disappointment of worldly concerns, from the ingratitude or misconduct of those who hold a place in his heart, and from the sudden dissolution of the ties of friendship and affection. In the multitude of our sorrows, religion affords consolation. Religion assures us that, through this pilgrimage of disappointment and

woe, there is a Friend present with us, on whose affection, wisdom, power, and goodness, we can perfectly rely; and that an infinitely merciful and powerful Protector sustains us, guiding our erring footsteps, and strengthening our feeble spirits. He permits no affliction to approach us, but with some gracious and merciful purpose; to awaken us from the dangerous delusions of pleasure, to excite in us an earnest solicitude for our salvation, to reclaim us from error, to subdue some favorite passion, or to strengthen some grace and virtue, which neglect or temptation may have weakened. Subject to the control of this Almighty Guardian, all the trials of life are designed to establish our faith, to increase our humble dependence, to perfect our love and fortify our patience, and to make us meet for the inheritance of glory. Here is the refuge from trouble which religion affords, uniting us to God through penitence and faith in his Son Jesus Christ, it conveys to us the assurance, that all things shall work together for our good.— Cleansed from the guilt of sin by the precious blood, and redeemed from its dominion by the grace of the Redeemer, the sincere believer can constantly solace himself with trust and hope in his heavenly Father. When difficulties beset him; when disappointment blasts his fond expectations; when sorrow and affliction assail him; he can repose all his concerns and griefs on the wisdom, power, and goodness of his Almighty Friend. His cares are soothed; his griefs are allayed; his afflictions lightened. The refreshing comforts of the divine favour are poured upon his soul, and he is filled with peace and joy.— "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. The Lord is my light, and salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? Thy part my God for ever and ever; thou wilt be my Guide, even unto death. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." "Happy is the man who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God!"

TRACTS. Published by the Protestant Episcopal Book Society of Maryland, for sale at Geo Shaw's Store, Annapolis. The Good Old Way or the 9 cents Religion of our Forefathers 6 1/2 Bishop Wilson on Family Prayer On Baptism 4 6 1/2 On the Lord's Supper 4 6 1/2 Feb. 20.

HOPKINS' CELEBRATED RAZOR STROP AND DIAMOND PASTE. It is deemed unnecessary by the SOLE AGENT for the City of Annapolis, to resort to newspaper eulogium, suffice to say, that it supercedes the necessity of the HONE, too apt to SCALE THE EDGE—For sale, in the three established sizes, by the undersigned at the Philadelphia prices. Jereijah Hughes, 6w Feb. 20.

State of Maryland, Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, February 14th, 1817.

On application by petition of Samuel Parrott, executor of the last will and testament of John Parrott, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer. John Gassaway, Reg. Wills, J. A. County.

This is to give notice, That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of John Parrott, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 30th day of April next, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 4th day of February, 1817. Samuel Parrott, Executor. 6w Feb. 20.

GA NOTICE. The Levy Court of Anne-Arundel county will meet in the city of Annapolis on the third Monday, in March next, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against the said county, for the year 1816. By order, Wm. S. Green, clk. Feb. 20.