

The twenty-sixth section of the said act makes it also the duty of the Superintendent to give notice in writing to each of the clerks of the county courts, setting forth the amount of money apportioned to his county, and the time when the same will be payable, by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the commissioners of his county.

The resolution No 33, of December session, 1827, requires of the commissioners, trustees, and other authorities of the several literary institutions, receiving pecuniary aid from this State, annually, on or before the first Monday in December, to return to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the amount of funds, or other aid received by them, detailing the mode of its application; also, the number, qualifications, and emoluments of the several professors and teachers employed therein; the rates of tuition, the number of free students admitted under the act of December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled, "An act to disseminate literature in this State," and the number of students or pupils in the classical department and dead languages; in the English and mathematics; in the Lancasterian, monitorial, or other system; and makes it the duty of the Superintendent, to present, annually, an abstract of such returns, with detailed remarks and information, to the Legislature, on or before the first Tuesday in January.

In anticipation of a particular reference to the several specific requisitions detailed in the foregoing series, the Superintendent begs leave to present the course of measures which he deemed proper and necessary, to accelerate the organization and earliest practicable commencement of the operations of the beneficent system, contemplated by the act in question—for that purpose he refers, respectfully, to his first annual report, submitted to the Legislature at the opening of their last session, in which it will appear that the act for the establishment of Primary Schools, having been submitted to the vote of the people, according to the provisions of the twenty-ninth section, and having been adopted by a majority of votes in thirteen of the nineteen counties of this State, and the same having become valid in each of the said counties, the Superintendent proceeded to notify the levy courts of each of the several counties, and to transmit instructions to the commissioners of Primary Schools, relative to the division of their county into school districts. And, with a view to a harmonious and uniform concert of action in the organization of the system, he annexed a supply of the proper advertisements for that purpose.