

Dec. Ses. 1816. children who may reside in said section and being under the directions of any white resident of said section, whose age does not exceed fifteen years, shall be taught gratis, which said terms shall be expressed in said public notice ; *Provided always*, that no child or children shall be taught beyond the double rule of three gratis, without the consent of the trustees of said school ; all notices given by virtue of this act shall be signed by the president of the board of trustees for the time being.

Proviso.

In case voters neglect to assemble, trustees in office to continue.

14. *And be it enacted*, That in case the voters shall neglect to assemble according to the provisions of this act, and elect new trustees, the trustees in office shall continue to act until the voters shall have made such new election, which shall be lawful for them to do as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

Vacancies.

15. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, of either of the said commissioners, then and in that case the levy court of the said county are hereby empowered and directed to appoint a person or persons, residing in said county, to supply the vacancy.

CHAPTER 251.

Passed Feb. 5. An act to Incorporate the Gas Light Company of Baltimore.

Company incorporated.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Rembrandt Peale, William Lorman, James Mosher, Robert-Cary Long, and William Gwynn, and all such persons as shall associate with them by becoming stockholders in the manner hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Gas Light Company of Baltimore, and by that same name, style and title, shall have continual succession, and shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity, and to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same at pleasure to alter or renew ; and generally to do and perform all such acts, and make all such contracts and agreements, and purchase, lease, hold, use and possess, such lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, as may be necessary for carrying on the manufacture of, or for procuring or collecting Gas or inflammable air, and preserving, using, and distributing the same, as a mean of giving light, or for any other useful purpose, or for lighting with Gas the streets, squares, lanes and alleys, and the houses, and other buildings and places in the city and precincts of Baltimore, or elsewhere, within this state ; or for carrying on any manufacture necessary for converting to useful purposes the products of any substances which may be employed in making or procuring Gas, and for disposing of the same ; *Provided always*, that the said company shall not, at any one time, hold or possess real and personal estate together above the value of one million of dollars, without the consent of the legislature being first obtained.

Proviso.

Capital stock.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the capital stock of the said company shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and until the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be expend-