

Dec. Ses. 1816 of the western shore for the above mentioned proportion of their respective county, that the treasurer shall be authorised and required to dispose of such part of the fund appropriated for the establishment of free schools throughout the state, as is requisite to pay off the respective proportion of the county from which such application is made.

Commissioners to report to general assembly, &c. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the school fund of each respective county annually to report to the general assembly the manner in which their proportion of the school fund may have been disposed of.

Commissioners not to receive compensation. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no commissioner of the school fund appointed by this act, shall receive any compensation for the performance of the duties required of him by the said act.

Treasurer directed to pay certain counties their proportion, &c. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to the order of the levy courts of Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties, their county proportion respectively of the school fund aforesaid, to be invested under the direction, and in the name of the levy court of the county, in such manner as may be most likely permanently to secure the means of education as contemplated by the act providing said school fund, until the principal and interest may be sufficient, in the opinion of the levy court of the county, to provide and establish a central free school in each election district of said county, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 257.

Passed Jan. 2. An act to lay out ground for a Wharf and Lumber Yard at Mattapony Landing, in Worcester County.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, that they labour under great inconvenience for want of a public wharf and lumber yard at Mattapony landing; Therefore,

A piece of ground to be laid out for a public wharf. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Holland, James Bevans, Robert H. Johnson, Littleton D. Bevans and Giles Jones, senior, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out, survey, mark and bound, a piece of ground for a public wharf and lumber yard, at Mattapony landing, in Worcester county, not exceeding two acres, in such form as the nature of the ground and the convenience of the landholders over which the same may run will admit.

Damages to be ascertained. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain the damages which any person or persons may sustain by reason of the said wharf and lumber yard being laid out from his, her, or their lands, which shall be first paid, or secured to be paid, by the persons interested in laying out said wharf and lumber yard, before the said wharf and lumber yard be made public.

Plot to be returned. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to return a plot of the said wharf and lumber yard, when surveyed, marked and laid out as aforesaid, to the clerk of the county court, to be by him recorded; which wharf and lumber yard, when laid out, shall be deemed and taken as a public wharf and lumber yard for ever