

able to said County Treasurer, as provided for under Section 3 of this Act, to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Sheep Fund" of the county; and the Treasurer shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, file in the office of the County Commissioners the books used by him in registering the names of persons from whom he received said tax on dogs and sluts, and at the same time shall also file a list of the owners of dogs and sluts who have not paid the tax due from them, attaching thereto a statement showing the number of dogs and sluts for which no owners could be found.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the tax collected from the owners of dogs or sluts shall be devoted first to the remuneration of inhabitants of the county for losses sustained by sheep or poultry destroyed or injured by dogs or sluts; but if there remain in the county treasury to the credit of the "Sheep Fund" on the first day of September of each year a sum more than sufficient to pay the awards for damages to sheep or poultry made by the Commissioners prior to that date, such surplus shall, upon the order of the Commissioners of Talbot County, be by them devoted to the purposes of education.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That when an inhabitant of Talbot County shall have any sheep or poultry destroyed or injured by dogs or sluts, he may apply to any justice of the peace of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, and they, or a majority of them, shall under oath state in writing to the County Commissioners the number of sheep or poultry killed, the character and extent of the injury done to the flock or any portion thereof, and the amount of damages sustained by the owner, and in like manner they shall give a general description of both the destroyed and injured sheep or poultry; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep or poultry shall make oath that they believe the sheep or poultry to have been destroyed or injured by dogs or sluts; and they, or either of them, if the dogs or sluts by which the damage was done be known to them, or either of them, shall state under oath the names of the owners of said dogs or sluts; and when the report of such proceedings shall have been filed in the office of the County Commissioners, the said Commissioners shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amount as they may deem fair; provided, that before the Commissioners shall make any award of damages for the killing of sheep or poultry the person claiming damages shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners that he does not know and is unable with reasonable diligence to