

CHAPTER 87.

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An additional supplement to an act, entitled an act to provide for the Public Instruction of Youth in Primary Schools throughout this State, passed December session eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter two hundred and six, so far as relates to Dorchester County.

Passed Mar. 4,
1840.

WHEREAS, in section six of the supplement to the act Preamble to which this act is an additional supplement, it is enjoined that each school district in Dorchester county shall provide a school house; and whereas, several of the school districts in said county have failed to comply with the requisitions of this said sixth section, and have in consequences been denied the benefit of the money in the hands of the treasurer of the school fund for said county, and which money is now in the hands of the said treasurer for the benefit of the above named districts—therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, the commissioners of each school district in Dorchester county who have not, for want of a school house or houses in said district or districts, or from other causes, drawn from the hands of the treasurer of the school fund for said county, the amount due the said district or districts, be and they are hereby authorized to draw from the hands of the said treasurer the several amounts due or to become due to the said districts; and when the district or districts are still in want of a school house or houses, then, and in that case, the school commissioner for said district or districts, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase for said district or districts, a lot or lots of ground in the most convenient place or places, reference always being had to the convenience of the majority of the pupils to be educated in said district or districts; and where the school commissioners cannot obtain said land at fair prices, then and in that case the said school commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to condemn said land; *provided always,* they the commissioners shall not be permitted to condemn more than half an acre for each school; and where the commissioners do condemn land for the benefit of said school or schools, then and in that case, the commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to cause a plat and certificate to be made out by the

School commissioners to draw money due each school district

To purchase a lot

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