

CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT for the Education of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb of this State.
A supplement, 1833, ch. 125.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be, and is hereby made the duty of the levy courts, and the county commissioners of the several counties of this state, and of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, to inquire into and make a return on the first Monday in May annually, of the names of all the indigent deaf and dumb white persons, of sound mind, in their respective counties and city, from twelve to twenty-five years of age, to the governor of this state, who is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the treasurer of the western shore for a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty dollars, for each of the said persons whose parent, guardian, or other person having the care of the same, shall permit to be removed to the Pennsylvania institution for the deaf and dumb, to be there educated; one-half of the said sum to be paid to the president of said institution at the expiration of the term of six months, and the other at the end of the year in which any indigent pupil from this state, shall have been instructed, and the governor shall have power to draw on the said treasurer for the expenses necessarily incurred in transporting and returning the said persons: *Provided*, that the sum so to be drawn from the treasury, shall in no one year exceed the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars: *And provided also*, that no one scholar shall be taught at the expense of the state, more than five years: *And provided further*, that each county returning deaf and dumb persons under the conditions of this act, shall be entitled to have at least one person sent to said institution; and in the event of the levy court or county commissioners of any one or more of the counties, or the mayor and city council, returning no person coming within the limits of this act, then it shall be the duty of the governor to select one deaf and dumb person from the city of Baltimore, or the county of this state, whose levy court, county commissioners, or mayor and city council, shall return the largest number of deaf and dumb indigent white persons within the provisions of this act, who shall be sent to said institution for instruction, and so on to the county returning next largest number, until the number of twenty deaf and dumb indigent white persons shall have been completed, if so many be returned by the several levy courts, county commissioners, or mayor and city council, to the governor of this state.

Levy court directed.

Governor empowered to draw on treasurer—conditions; directions.