

A few of them, it is true, had not entitled themselves to do so, from not having complied with the requirements of the Statute. But the majority had delayed sending up their orders from misapprehension only, thinking that the money would be payable at any future time.

Upon representing the case of such to the Superintendent of schools, I was immediately authorised by that officer to satisfy all such claims, where it should appear that the parties presenting them had been guilty of no censurable neglect; and I have been extremely anxious to do so, but up to this time the means have not been at my disposal. The consequence is that either the Trustees, who had advanced the amount to the Teachers, or else the Teachers themselves, are deprived of the use of the money which is justly their due for nearly three quarters of the year.

It will be proper for me to observe that, in accordance with what I supposed to be my duty, I gave notice of these defalcations, on or about the first of March to W. Lapenotiere, Esq., the Council's Solicitor, requesting him to take the necessary measures for the immediate collection of the same; and doubtless that officer will be able to give a satisfactory reason why he has failed to do so.

Your Honorable Council will see, from the above statement, the necessity of providing against the recurrence of similar evils in future; in order to which I beg to submit for the consideration of the Council, the following provisions:

First, that all Collectors who shall not have collected and paid over, the several amounts to be collected by them for the support of schools on or before the third Tuesday in December, forfeit all their per centage in respect to the same. Secondly; That the Clerk of the Council be required, on the first of January in each year, to give notice to the proper Township Clerks of the defalcations, if any, of the Collectors in their Townships respectively, in order that the same persons may not be elected to fill that office again; and Thirdly, That the Council's Solicitor be instructed to commence legal proceedings, on or immediately after the first day of January in each year against all Collectors and their sureties, who may then be in arrears to the School Fund, for the collection of the same; And lastly, That the Superintendent be authorised to draw on the District Treasurer for any amount necessary to make good the School Fund, to be replaced to the Treasury when received from the Collectors.

With respect to the amount now due to the School Fund for 1847, I beg especially to recommend, and entreat, that the Council advance the same from the general funds of the District, to meet the pressing wants of the parties concerned.

#### PARLIAMENTARY GRANT FOR 1848.

On the 7th July I received the letter of the Superintendent of schools, dated the fourth of the same month, apprising me of the amount of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of Common Schools apportioned to this District, which was seven hundred and three pounds five shillings. I immediately proceeded, as the law directs, to apportion the District school fund to the school sections entitled to an apportionment of the same, and in giving the notices required by Statute, to the Trustees of the several sections