

“ 9. In each school district, moreover, there are three Trustees, chosen by persons qualified to elect Members of the Assembly, and empowered to hold the property which may belong to the school, and to receive benefactions and bequests, within certain limits, notwithstanding the laws of mortmain.

“ 10. The Bill of 1836 further went to authorize school districts to assess themselves, with the consent of a majority of the persons qualified to vote at elections for Members of Parliament, for the erection of school-houses or the support of schools; and the Bill also provided for the establishment of one superior or model school in each parish, the master of which might be paid out of the public funds a salary of £50. a year, provided an additional sum of £20. were raised for him by the parish.

“ 11. That the system of which we have given this rapid outline has been much abused, is sufficiently shewn in the valuable Reports which we have already mentioned of the Standing Committee of the House of Assembly. The principal defects seem to have been, the want of a central board or authority to direct and control the working of the system, a want of qualification in the teachers, and the want of attendance in the children; the want of sufficient exertion on the part of parents in general, arising perhaps from the too prevalent impression that the education of their children is a matter of concern for the Government, and not for themselves; and, lastly, the want of power to