Corrupt Practices Act

CHAPTER 122, ACTS OF 1908

171. The following persons shall be guilty of corrupt practices and shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of this act: Every person, who shall directly or indirectly, by himself or by another give or offer or promise to any person any money, gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or any valuable thing whatever, for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to vote, or refrain from voting, for or against any person, or for or against any measure or proposition at any election or primary election or political convention or session of the General Assembly of Maryland, or either House thereof. Every person who shall directly or indirectly receive, accept, request or solicit from any person, candidate, committee, association, organization or for or against any person, or for or against any measure at any such election, caucus or primary election or political convention. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, pay, give, contribute or promise any money or other valuable thing, to defray, or towards defraying the costs or expenses of any campaign or election, to any person, committee, company, club, organization, or association other than to a treasurer of political agent; but this sub-section or paragraph shall not apply to dues regularly paid for membership in any incorporated political club if all money expended by such club for or in connection with the costs or expenses of any campaign or as provided in this Act, or to any expenses for postage, telephoning, telegrams, stationery, printing, expressage or traveling and board incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination thereto so far as they are permitted by this Act. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or through another person, make a payment or promise of payment, to a treasurer or political agent in any other name than his own; and every treasurer or political agent, who shall knowingly receive a payment or promise of payment, and enter the same or cause the same to be entered in his accounts in any other name than that of the person by whom such payment or promise of payment is made. Every person who being an employer pays his employes the salary or wages due in "pay envelopes" upon which there is written or printed, or in which there is enclosed any political motto, device or argument containing threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of such employes or within ninety days of any election or primary puts, or otherwise exhibits, in the establishments or place where his employes are engaged in labor, any hand bill or placard containing any threat, notice or information that if any particular ticket or candidate is elected or defeated, work in his place or establishment will cease in whole or in part or his establishment be closed up, or the wages of his employes be reduced other threats expressed or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of his employes. Every person, who, before, during or after election or primary election, by himself or by any other person, either directly or indirectly, gives or provides or pays, wholly or in part, the expenses of giving or providing provisions to or for any person, for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person, to give or refrain from giving his vote at the election or primary election, or to influence his vote in any other way therein, or on account of his having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting, and every elector who accepts the same, or any of the same, for any of the purposes aforesaid. Every person who shall be guilty of any corrupt practices as aforesaid shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned for one year, or both, and shall be ineligible to any public office or public employment for a period of four years from and after the time of the commission of such offense.

T. HERBERT EVERETT, Sheriff.

Giving Away Liquor On Election Day

For the information of all persons concerned, the following Act of the Legislature, passed March 24th, 1895, is published:

AN ACT

Prohibiting the sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors in the counties or the State on the day of Election.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that it shall not be lawful for the keeper of any hotel, tavern, store, drinking establishment, or any other place where liquor is sold, or any person or persons, directly or indirectly, of any kind, on the day of election hereinafter to be held in the several counties of the State.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted, That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of the county where such offense is committed, and shall, upon conviction before of the State, be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars for each and every offense; one-half the fine is paid to the informer and the other half to the County Commissioners for the use of the public roads.

Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws, as amended by the Acts of 1900 and 1901, says:

Whoever, during the hours of registration, or revision of registration, or during the hours of election or canvas of votes or of making returns thereof in any precinct, shall bring, take, order or send into, shall or attempt to bring or take or send into any place of registration or of election any distilled or spirituous liquors, wine ale or beer, or, shall at any such time or place drink or partake of such liquors, shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than $100.

T. HERBERT EVERETT, Sheriff.

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QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts and Disbursements of J. William Keith, Treasurer for the Year Ending May 31, 1936 Levy Expenditures

Published By Order of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County

RECEIPTS

		Total
Cash in Banks June 1, 1935:		
The Centreville National Bank of Maryland:		
Anna Q. Skinner, Ex-Treas. Account	$	6,582.12
F. Clayton Stevens, Ex-Treas. Account		6,158.19
Sudlersville Bank of Maryland:		
Anna Q. Skinner, Ex-Treas. Account		220.16
Tax Collections:		
Levy and Warrants:		
County and School—Schedule A-1		4,848.35
State of Maryland		31,791.67
Automobiles:		
County and School—Schedule A-1		158,996.84
State of Maryland		1,021.38
Sale of Queen Anne's County Bonds		75,919.50
Borrowed Money—Centreville National Bank		25,000.00
State of Maryland—for Bond Redemption and Bond Interest		13,625.00
Transferred from A. S. Gadd, Trustee:		
Anna Q. Skinner, Ex-Treas. Account		9,638.88
F. Clayton Stevens, Ex-Treas. Account		1,587.53
Cash and Checks Received from Anna Q. Skinner		5,824.54
State of Maryland—Portion of Old Age Pension		4,274.58
United States Government—Portion of Old Age Pension		1,206.42
Transfers—Contra:		
From 1935 Tax Sales Account		1,843.95
From Bond Account		806.50
From General Account		1,097.61
Redemption of Properties Sold at Tax Sales to Individuals		1,066.73
Redemption of Properties Purchased by County Commissioners at Tax Sales		513.90
Deposited by Purchasers of Properties Sold at Tax Sales		474.75
Interest on State of Maryland 1935 Taxes		289.39
Interest on 1935 County and School Taxes		665.16
Interest on 1935 Automobile Taxes		16.26
Interest on State of Maryland 1935 Automobile Taxes		32.96
Cost of Advertising Paid by Purchasers of Properties Sold at Tax Sales		468.44
Received from State's Attorney on Account of 1929 and 1930 Taxes		112.43
1935 Taxes Paid in Error		42.52
Miscellaneous—Schedule A-2 (Itemized Below)		5,909.06
		$360,034.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Warrants—Schedule A-3		$213,301.95
For Borrowed Money (Centreville National Bank, $50,000—E. A. Rollins & Son, $25,000)		75,000.00
Transfers—Contra:		
To General Account		2,650.45
To 1935 Tax Sales Account		567.61
To 1936 Tax Sales Account		530.00
Refunds of Interest and Taxes on Properties Purchased by County Commissioners and Redeemed		1,562.86
Advertising		518.44
Legal Expense on Tax Sales		409.30
Commissions on Delinquent Tax Collections		69.73
Auctioneers' Expense		28.00
Insurance, Postage, Etc.		12.00
Printing of Bonds		100.00
Cash in Banks, May 31, 1936:		
The Centreville National Bank		36,493.50
Queenstown Bank of Maryland		18,454.44
The Sudlersville Bank of Maryland		5,000.00
The Stevensville Bank of Maryland		336.54
Cash on Hand		336.54
		$360.034.82

Itemized Statement of Miscellaneous Cash Receipts for the Year

Clerk of Circuit Court:		
Fines	$ 87.40	
Costs	139.46	
Beer Licenses	1,581.00	
		$1,807.86
Fines and Costs—Police Justice		1,962.42
Hospital Board and Maintenance		1,110.33
Dividends on Trusteed Assets		519.34
Franchise Tax		71.25
Balances in Old Bank Accounts Closed Out:		
L. H. Perkins—Tax Collector	62.78	
L. H. Perkins—Tax Collector	31.00	
William T. Keating—Treasurer	23.83	
F. C. Stevens—1929 Tax Account	1.22	
		$ 118.83
Refund of Old Age Pension—Charles Meredith		72.06
Advertising Costs Tax Delinquents		66.75
Board of Election Supervisors		42.22
Talbot County—Removal Trial Court Expenses		93.00
Price Chapel Meeting Fee		20.00
Caroline County—Half of Paupers' Burial Expense		12.50
1933 Taxes Formerly Marked Insolvent—L. Young		5.45
State of Maryland—Half of Cost of Fighting Forest Fire		3.55
Lease of Land		2.00
Junk Iron Sold		1.50
		$5,909.06

Analysis of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended May 31, 1936

	Bonds Outstanding June 1, 1935	Paid During Year	Issued During Year	Bonds Outstanding May 31 1936
General Improvement (Road) Bonds, 5's, of 1913	$ 9,000	$ 3,000	$	$ 6,000
General Improvement (Road) Bonds, 5's, of 1916	22,000			22,000
School Building Bonds, 5's of 1922	6,000	3,000		3,000
Lateral Road Bonds, 5's of 1922	3,000	3,000		
Lateral Road Bonds, 5's of 1926	9,000	3,000		6,000
Lateral Road Bonds, 5's of 1928	10,000			10,000
Public School Bonds, 5's of 1929	12,000	2,000		10,000
Queen Anne's County School Bonds, 5's, of 1931	20,000			20,000
*Queen Anne's County Funding Bonds, 2 ¾'s, of 1935			75,000	75,000
	$91,000	$14,000	$75,000	$152,000

(*)NOTE: There was a premium recevied on these bonds in the amount of $919.50.

Analysis of Taxes Levied and Warrants Charged for the Year Ended May 1, 1936

CHARGES:	Total	Taxes Levied and Warrants	Automobile Taxes
Taxes Levied, Including Automobiles	$165,612.18	$160,056.03	$5,556.15
Warrants Charged	2,121.40	2,121.40	
	$167,733.58	$162,177.43	$5,556.15
CREDITS:			
Cash Received	$163,845.19	$158,996.84	$4,348.35
Insolvents	1,442.82	1,442.82	
Erroneous Assessments Abated	632.76	632.76	
	$165,920.77	$161,072.42	$4,848.35
UNCOLLECTED AT MAY 31, 1936	$ 1,812.81	$ 1,105.01	$ 707.80

Levy Expenditures

Year Ended May 31, 1936

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

	Expended
Salaries—County Commissioners	$ 1,500.00
Expenses—County Commissioners	242.45
Salary—Clerk	1,200.00
Bond—Clerk	5.00
Counsel to Commissioners	400.00
Telephone	106.78
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	159.61
Extra Clerical Work	135.00
	$ 3,748.84

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Salary Treasurer	1,800.00
Salary—Deputy Treasurer	900.00
Bonds—Treasurer and Deputy	560.00
Tax Supervisor's Salary	900.00
Telephone	64.65
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	421.46
	$ 4,646.11

REGISTER OF WILLS & ORPHANS' COURT OFFICE

Register of Wills Fees	390.00
Telephone	52.75
Salary—Judges of Orphans' Court	1,176.00
Mileage—Judges of Orphans' Court	263.20
Stationery and Supplies	53.00
	$ 1,934.95

CIRCUIT COURT EXPENSES

Clerk of Court Fees	677.45
Court Stenographer Expenses	590.04
Salary—State's Attorney	1,000.00
Bond—State's Attorney	25.00
Special Expenses—State's Attorney	7.60
Counsel Assigned by Court	155.00
Witness Fees	483.00
Jurors and Bailiff's Fees	1,922.65
Sheriff Fees	85.80
	$ 4,946.54

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES

Fuel	228.91
Light and Water	369.75
Salary—Janitor	600.00
Fire Insurance	305.25
Maintenance and Repair	405.57
Supplies	63.06
	$ 1,972.54

COUNTY JAIL EXPENSES

Salary—Sheriff	1,500.00
Bond—Sheriff	70.00
Board of Prisoners	2,707.00
Transportation of Prisoners	429.05
Fuel	291.25
Light and Water	153.55
Supplies	423.61
Telephone	118.10
Fire Insurance	205.00
Maintenance and Repairs	243.18
Physician to the Jail	43.00
	$ 6,183.74

MAGISTRATES, CONSTABLES AND CORONERS

Constables' Fees	1,183.78
Police Magistrate	1,100.00
Justice of Peace	45.80
Coroners, Juries and Physicians	97.50
Police Court Stationery	48.65
	$ 2,478.73

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGULAR BUDGET		$ 76,261.00
Rent of Office Building	393.00	
Interest on School Bonds	1,850.00	
Retirement of School Bonds	5,000.00	
School Building Repairs	1,200.00	
		$ 8,443.00
Public Schools—Biulding Accounts		
Centreville Grammar School Addition	9,125.00	
Church Hill Grammar School Remodeling	2,350.00	
Stevensville High School Additional Heating	3,941.25	
Dudley's Corner Colored School	1,000.00	
Centreville Colored High School	6,000.00	
		$ 22,416.25
		$107,120.25

INSANE AND INDIGENTS

Eastern Shore State Hospital	3,046.48
Springfield State Hospital	810.93
Crownsville State Hospital	842.69
County Home for the Poor	4,000.00
Physicians Services	25.00
Paupers Coffins and Burials	275.00
Maryland Workshop for Blind	240.00
Maryland School for Boys	371.64
Maryland House of Reformation	601.60
	$ 10,213.34

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE AND HOSPITAL AID

County Health Office	2,400.00
Vital Statistics	141.30
Emergency Hospital of Easton	750.00
Kent-Queen Anne's General Hospital	250.00
	$ 3,541.30

PENSIONS AND WELFARE RELIEF EXPENSES

Welfare Relief Expenses	1,197.90
Old Age Expenses	9,163.42
	$ 10,361.32

FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

County Agent's Office	1,000.00
Home Demonstrator	458.26
Telephone	165.14
Cattle Tubercular Eradication	1,000.00
	$ 2,673.40

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING

County Printing and Advertising	401.38

ELECTION EXPENSES

Primary Election	1,359.70
General Election Reserve	
Election Supervisors Office	9.50
	$ 1,369.20

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

Volunteer Fire Companies	1,700.00

COUNTY ROAD BONDS & INTEREST ON SHORT TERM NOTES

Interest on County Bonds	3,056.25
Interest on Short Term Notes	171.10
Retirement of Road Bonds	9,000.00
	$ 12,227.35

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Auditing Committee	450.00
Miscellaneous Items	630.18
Contingent Account	2,178.66
	$ 3,258.84

ALLOTMENTS TO INCORPORATED TOWNS

Bank Stock Tax Division	508.54
Tax Basis Division	2,133.90
	$ 2,642.44

ERRONEOUS AND INSOLVENT TAXES

Refund of Taxes Paid in Error	44.57

STATE TAXES

State Taxes—1935 Levy	31,792.73
Interest Paid on State Taxes	97.38
	$ 31,890.17
TOTAL WARRANTS ISSUED	$213,301.95

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended July 31, 1936

BALANCE, AUGUST 1, 1936:			
Cash in Bank			$ 6,798.14
Certificate of Deposit Centreville National Bank No. 151	$ 2,353.92		
RECEIPTS:			
State Comptroller:			
School Population and Attendance	$ 17,422.40		
High School Aid	13,160.50		
Free Book Fund and Mat. of Inst.	2,482.52		
Salaries of Officials	4,304.40		
Colored Industrial Fund	750.00		
Equalization Fund	9,639.14		
Handicapped Children	61.56		
Tax Reduction Fund	22,033.00		
Vocational Fund	3,113.67	$ 72,967.19	
County Commissioners — Regular Budget		76,261.00	
County Commissioners—Special Repair		1,200.00	
County Commissioners—Capital Outlay		3,450.00	
Tuition Fees—Caroline County		580.00	
Tuition Fees—Talbot County		777.50	
Oyster Tax		808.61	
Peterson Estate Proceeds—Orphans' Court		100.69	
Sale of Property		673.67	
Miscellaneous Refunds		219.75	
Dividend No. 3 and No. 4 of Ctf. of deposit in Trusteed Assets of Centreville National Bank		588.48	$157,626.89
Total Cash Receipts Including Beginning Balance			$164,425.03
DISBURSEMENTS:			
General Control:			
Office Expense	$ 547.65		
Printing and Advertising	67.92		
Board Members Allowance	300.00		
Salary of Superintendent	3,712.85		
Traveling Expenses of Superintendent	420.00		
Salary of Clerks and Stenographers	1,215.16		
Salary of Attendance Officer	463.88		
Other Costs of General Control	273.51		
Travel Expense of Attendance Officer	93.64	7,094.61	
		$ 7,094.61	
Instruction Service:			
Salary of Teachers—White Elem.	$ 46,594.95		
Salary of Teachers—White High	33,610.83		
Salary of Teachers—Colored Elem	11,067.55		
Salary of Teachers—Colored High	2,096.02		
Summer Schools	312.51		
Books	1,443.42		
Materials of Instruction	953.48		
Salary—White Supervisor	2,397.60		
Salary—Colored Supervisor	1,078.62		
Travel Expense—White Supervisor	252.15		
Travel Expense—Colored Supervisor	259.64		
Other Costs of Instruction	223.72	$100,390.49	
OPERATION:			
Janitor's Wages	3,737.46		
Janitor's Supplies	348.85		
Fuel	5,920.22		
Water, Light, Power, etc.	816.24	$ 10,822.77	
MAINTENANCE:			
Repair and Upkeep	3,748.18		
Repair and Replacement of Equipment	1,973.95		
Rent of School Building	160.00	5,882.13	
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
School Libraries	545.13		
Promotion of Health	302.07		
Promotion, Physical Education	32.70		
Transportation of Pupils	30,706.52		
Other Auxiliary Agencies	15.15	$ 31,601.57	
FIXED CHARGES			
Insurance	999.90		
Contingencies	22.75	$ 1,022.65	
Payments to Adjoining Counties		$ 1,285.74	
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
Improvements to Sites	222.37		
New Buildings	1,028.79		
New Equipment	1,226.63		
Alteration of Old Buildings	2,202.99	4,680.78	$162,780.74
BALANCE JULY 31, 1936			$ 1,644.29

NOTE: The School Board holds a certificate of participation No. 51 in the Trusteed Assets of Centreville National Bank which had been reduced to $1,765.44 at July 31, 1936.

COUNTY HOME

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended June 30, 1936

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1935		$ 634.27
RECEIPTS:		
County Treasurer	$ 5,000.00	
Rebates on Gasoline	50.12	
Sale of Wheat	121.50	
Sale of Livestock	171.00	
Miscellaneous	23.00	$ 5,365.62
		$ 5,999.89
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Telephone	36.05	
Wages	1,022.16	
Superintendent	275.00	
Maintenance of Farm	1,962.15	
Physician	240.00	
Pension	55.00	
Treasurer's Salary	200.00	
Insurance	140.52	
Coal	1,090.50	
Service Charge—Bank	.50	
Receipts from Mrs. Jewell	10.00	
Attorney	25.00	$ 5,056.88
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1936		$ 943.01

Concealed Weapons on Election Day

The following Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session of 1874 and approved April 6, 1874, is published for the information of the public:

AN ACT

To prevent carrying of guns, pistols, dirks, dirk-knives, razors, billies, or bludgeons by any person in Kent, Queen Anne's or Montgomery counties on the day of election in said counties:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this Act it shall not be lawful for any person in Kent, Queen Anne's and Montgomery counties to carry on the day of election, secretly or otherwise, any gun, pistol, dirk, dirk-knife, razor, violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof before any justice of the Peace, in either of said counties, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, and on refusal to pay said fine shall be committed by Justice of the Peace to the jail of the county until the same is paid.

SEC.2. And be it enacted, That the fines collected under this Act shall be paid by the officers collecting the same to the School Commissioners of the county where offense shall have been committed for school purposes.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That any constable of either of said counties or the sheriff thereof, who shall refuse to arrest any person violating any provision of this Act, upon information of said offense, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before the Circuit Court of the county shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars and forthwith be discharged from office.

T. HERBERT EVERETT, Sheriff.

Betting On Elections

The attention of all persons is particularly called to the following sections of 36 Code of Public Laws of Maryland:

Section 45. No person shall make any bet or wager on the result of any election to take place in this State.

Sec. 48 Any person offending against the last preceding section shall be liable to indictment by the Circuit Court. If the offense be committed in any county, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be paid to the State for School Fund.

Sec. 48. Any deposit of money in any part of the State as a wager or bet upon elections in this State or elsewhere shall be forfeited and paid over to the County Commissioners of the county where deposited for the use of the county, and if deposited in the city of Baltimore, to the Mayor and City Council.

T. HERBERT EVERETT, Sheriff.

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