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WEDNESDAY, August 1, 1750.

THE Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, at their last Sitting, Ordered, That the following Bill, which was put off for the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly, should be published in one or more of the Maryland Gazettes. The Readers will have the Remainder next Week.

An Act for the Encouragement of Learning within this Province.

THIS General Assembly having taken into their serious Consideration, that the Methods hitherto taken, for promoting Learning within this Province, have not any ways answered that desirable End; And as nothing can more conduce to the great Benefit and Advantage of the People, than the early Forming Youth in Virtue and Learning: In order therefore to contribute to so good a Purpose, and that the Natural Genius of such as are Born here (which is inferior to none) may not be Lost for want of suitable opportunity to improve the same, It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same; That from and after the Day of in the Year of our Lord God, Seventeen Hundred and one Act of Assembly of this Province entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting Schools in every County within this Province, passed at a Session of Assembly, shall be and is hereby abrogated, annulled, repealed, and made void to all Intents and Purposes.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the said Day of in the Year of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and one, there shall be Erected and Kept in the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundell County, one good School for the Western Shore, and be called by the Name of KING WILLIAM'S SCHOOL: And at the shall be Erected and Kept, one other good School for the Eastern Shore, and be called by the Name of SCHOOL: And the better to Establish, Erect and Keep the said Schools;

It is hereby further Declared and Enacted, That all the Duties, Imposts, Fines, and Forfeitures, heretofore, or now given, granted and applied, by any Act or Acts of this Province, to be paid to the Use of the Schools, commonly called the County Schools, shall after the said Day of in the Year of our Lord God Seventeen Hundred and one, be paid and applied towards the Establishment, Erecting and Keeping, the Two Schools by this Act Established and appointed; And that all the Parts and Directions in such Acts, for the Payment of such Fines and Forfeitures, Duties or Imposts, to be applied towards the Encouragement of one Public School in every County within the Province, shall (after the said Day of in the Year of our Lord God, Seventeen Hundred and one) be utterly repealed, annulled, and made void to all Intents and Purposes.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several and respective Naval Officers and Sheriffs within this Province, who shall after the said Day of in the Year of our Lord God, Seventeen Hundred and one receive any Duty or Duties, Fine or Fines, by virtue of any of the Acts aforesaid, That is to say, one Act entitled, An Act for laying an additional Duty, shall, and they are hereby ordered and directed to pay such Imposts, Duties and Fines to the Treasurers of the respective Shores of this Province: And the said Treasurers shall, and they are hereby appointed and directed to receive the same, and pay

such Sum or Sums as they shall so receive, in equal Portions, to the Visitors of the respective Two Schools by this Act appointed and established, or to be appointed and established, and their Successors, or their Order, as shall be by them from Time to Time directed, to and for the Uses of the said Two Schools.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the said Day of in the Year of our Lord God, Seventeen Hundred and one, That is to say, At the then next County Court, the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province, where any County School is established, shall cause the Clerk of their respective Courts to publish Notes, to be set up in the most public Places of their County, appointing a certain Day, at their several and respective next County Courts, for the Sale of the several Lands, Goods, and Chattels, to the several respective County Schools then belonging respectively, and such respective County Clerks are hereby directed and ordered to make out such Notes, and cause the same to be set up as aforesaid, for which they shall receive respectively in the then next County Levy, the sum of one shilling and six pence.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the Justices of the respective County Courts of this Province, shall, and they are hereby impowered and directed to, sell and dispose of, the Lands, Goods, and Chattels, then and at the Time herein before mentioned, being in their respective Counties, and belonging to the respective County Schools within the respective Counties of this Province, by way of Public Sale, at the County Court House of their respective Counties, to the Highest Bidder or Bidders, by Inch of Candle.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the Money arising by such Sale, shall be, and is hereby directed to be, paid to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties; and that the Bonds and Sureties of such respective Sheriffs, shall, and they are hereby, made liable for such Money or Payments; and that the same shall be paid over according to the Directions of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That upon Payment of the Sum or Sums, for which such Lands or Tenements, Goods or Chattels, shall sell for at such Public Sale, to the respective Sheriffs as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the respective County Courts, to cause a Deed to be drawn by the Clerk of the respective Court, expressing therein, this Act, and the Consideration paid, to convey, assign, and make over, such Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels, to the Highest Bidder or Bidders, by Deed of Bargain and Sale, and such Deed to be between such respective County Justices, or the major part of them, and the Purchaser or Purchasers, and Signed by the Justices then present, and Sealed with the respective County Seals, and Evidenced by the Clerk of the respective Counties, and High Sheriff, besides Two or her good and substantial Freeholders, Evidences; Upon which Deeds likewise Evidenced as aforesaid, the Sheriff of the respective County shall indorse a Receipt on the Back of such Deed or Deeds, for the Consideration or Considerations, upon Payment thereof in such Deed or Deeds mentioned, and so as aforesaid Evidenced, which with the Recording such Deed in Three Months after the Date of such Deed as aforesaid Executed in the respective County Records, shall, and is hereby Declared and Enacted, to invest such Purchaser or Purchasers, and their Heirs and Assigns, for Ever, with a good and indefeasible Estate, in Fee, of, in and to such Lands and Tenement, or to them, or to their Heirs or their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, of such Goods or Chattels as shall by them be purchased, and the Deed or Deeds so as aforesaid Executed and Recorded.