

nediction to our neighbouring Colony, your Majesty's Subjects and Territory of Virginia, in your gracious Grant and Charter for the Propagation of the College, or Place of universal Study, in that your Majesty's said Colony. In humble Contemplation whereof, and being excited by his present Excellency Francis Nicholson, Esq; your Majesty's Governor of this your Province, his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, pious Endeavours and generous Offers for the Propagation of Christianity and good Learning, herein we become humble Suitors to your most sacred Majesty, to extend your Royal Grace and Favour to us your Majesty's Subjects of this Province, represented in this your Majesty's General Assembly thereof, That it may be Enacted,

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II. And may it be Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice, Prayer and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Education of the Youth of this Province in good Letters and Manners, that a certain Place or Places, for a Free-School or Schools, or Place of Study of Latin, Greek, Writing, and the like, consisting of one Master, one Usher, and one Writing-Master or Scribe, to a School, and One Hundred Scholars, more or less, according to the Ability of the said Free-School, may be made, erected, founded, propagated and established under your Royal Patronage. And that the most Reverend Father in GOD Thomas, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitan of all England, may be Chancellor of the said Schools; and that, to perpetuate the Memory of your Majesty, it may be called King William's School, and managed by certain Trustees, to be chosen and appointed by your sacred Majesty, to wit, _____ as also by the following Trustees, nominated and appointed by this present General Assembly, That is to say, by your Majesty's said Governor, Francis Nicholson, Esq; the Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence, Baronet, Col. George Robotham, Col. Charles Hutchins, Col. John Addison, of your Majesty's Honourable Council of this Province; the Reverend Divine, Mr. Peregrine Cony, and Mr. John Hewett, together with Robert Smith, Kenelm Cheseldyne, Henry Coursey, Edward Dorsey, Thomas Ennals, Thomas Tasker, Francis Jenkins, William Dent, Thomas Smith, Edward Boothby, John Thompson, and John Bigger, Gentlemen, or the greatest Part, or the Successors of them, upon and in a certain Place of this Province, called Ann-Arundel Town, upon Severn River, and at such other Place or Places, as by the General Assembly of this Province shall be thought convenient and fitting, to be supported and maintained in all Time coming. And that your Majesty will, for your Heirs and Successors, grant and give Leave to the said Francis Nicholson, Esq; and Trustees abovesaid, or the major Part or longest Livers of them, that they may be enabled to take, hold and enjoy, and that they may be apt and capable in Law, for taking, holding and enjoying, all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Rectories, Portions, Annuities, Pensions, with all other Inheritances, Franchises and Possessions whatsoever, spiritual or temporal, to the value of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling, and all other Goods, Chattels, Money and Personal Estate whatsoever, of the Gift of any Person whatsoever, that is willing to bestow them, for the said Use, or any other Gifts, Grants, Assignments, Legacies, or Appointment of the same, or any of them, or of any other Goods whatsoever, with this express Intention and Trust put in them, That the said Francis Nicholson, and other the Trustees abovesaid, or the major Part or the longest Livers of them, shall take and hold the Premises, and shall dispose of the same, and of the Rents, Revenues and Profits thereof, or of any of them, only for the defraying the Charges that shall be laid out in erecting and fitting the Edifices of the said Free-School or Schools, as they, or the major Part of them, shall think most expedient, until the said Free-School or Schools shall be actually erected, founded and established; and upon the Trust and Intention, that as soon as the said Free-School or Schools shall be erected and founded, the said Francis Nicholson, and other the Trustees above named, shall, from Time to Time,

A Free-School to be founded at Annapolis, by the Name of King William's School.

Trustees appointed,

to be capable of holding Lands to the Value of 1500 l. Sterling,

and all other personal Estates given for the Support, &c. of Schools, in Trust, &c.