

the good Government of the said Free-School or Schools; as to them the said Trustees, Governours and Visitors aforesaid, and their Successors, shall from Time to Time, according to the various Occasions and Circumstances seem most fit and requisite: All which shall be observed by the Master, Uther, Tutors and Scholars of the said School, upon the Penalties therein contained.

*Provided notwithstanding,* That the said Rules, Laws and Orders be no ways contrary to your Majesty's Prerogative Royal, nor to the Laws and Statutes of your Majesty's Kingdom of *England*, or Province of *Maryland* aforesaid, or to the Canons and Constitutions of the Church of *England*, by Law Established. And that they the said Governours and Visitors and Trustees aforesaid, and their Successors, shall for ever be Eighteen Men, and not exceeding Twenty in the whole; to be elected and constituted in the Way and Manner hereafter specified, of which one discreet and fit Person that shall be called Rector of the said Free-School and Schools; and that from Time to Time and in all Times coming, the said Rector shall exercise the said Office during One Year, (Death and legal Disability excepted,) and after till some others of the said Visitors and Governours of the said School and Schools shall be duly elected, preferred and sworn to the said Office: And that from Time to Time and at all Times coming, after the said Year is expired, or after the Death of the said Rector, the Visitors or Governours of the said School or Schools, or the greatest Part of them or their Successors, should have Power to elect and nominate another discreet and fit Person from amongst themselves, to be Rector of the said Free-School or Schools: And that he who is so elected, preferred and nominated into the Place of Rector as aforesaid, shall have Power to have, exercise and enjoy the said Office of Rector, for One whole Year (except before excepted) then next ensuing, and thereafter until some other Rector of the said School or Schools shall be duly elected, preferred to and sworn in the said Office. And to perpetuate the Succession of the said Governours, Rectors and Visitors, that as often as one or more of the Governours or Visitors of the said School or Schools shall die, or remove himself and Family out of this Province into any other Country for good and all, that then and so often, the Rector, for the Time being, and the other Visitors and Governours of the said Free-School and Schools, then surviving and remaining within the Province, or the major Part of them, shall and may have Leave to elect, nominate and choose one or more of the principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the said Province, into the Place or Places of the said Visitors and Governours, so dead or removed; and so to fill up the Number of the Visitors and Governours of the said School and Schools: And that he and they so elected and chosen, shall take his and their Corporal Oath before the Rector and other Visitors and Governours as aforesaid, or the major Part of them, well and faithfully to execute the said Office; which Oath, the Rector and Two or more of the said Visitors shall have Power to administer; and that after the taking the said Oath, he or they shall be of the Number of the said Visitors and Governours of the said School or Schools. And further, that the said Rector for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of Three or more of the said Governours and Visitors, shall and may from Time to Time, and as often as Need shall require, and they see

Not contrary to the Royal Prerogative, nor the Laws of the Land.

Number of Members to be 18, not exceeding 20.

The manner of electing a Rector, and continuing his Succession.

The perpetuating the Succession of Visitors.

The Oath to be taken.