

An ACT to Enable the Visitors of the Free School of Kent County for the Time being, to Lease one Moiety of the Land, except Ten Acres, belonging to the same School.

WHEREAS the Visitors of the Free School of Kent County, by their Petition to this General Assembly, have set forth, that the ^{Preamble.} Moiety of the Land, belonging to the same School, Assigned for the Conveniency of making Corn and Grain, and for Pasturage to the Master, lying Contiguous to *Chester-Town*, would prove of much greater Advantage, if the same was divided into small Lots or Parcels, and Leased out to the Inhabitants of the said Town, and others of the Neighbourhood, for Pasture or Meadow Ground, than if made Use of as the Act of Assembly directs, besides that the making of Corn and Grain must necessarily take up some Part of the Masters Time, which ought to be employed in Attendance on the School, and being Apprehensive, that Leases of the same Land, made either by them or the Master, would not be binding on a Succeeding Master, in case of Death or Removal, and therefore prayed an Act of Assembly to Enable them to make such Leases, which is thought reasonable to Grant.

Be it therefore 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 the Visitors of Kent County Free School for the Time being, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby Authorized and Impowered, to Divide and Lay out all that Northernmost or Uppermost Moiety of the Land belonging to, and Purchased for the Use of, the Free School aforesaid, except Ten Acres, into ^{Part of the School Lands in Kent County to be divided into Lots and Leased out by the Visitors,} many convenient Lots or Parcels as to them or the major Part of them shall seem meet, not exceeding the Quantity of Three Acres in any one Lot, and the same so Divided and Laid out, to Number and Distinguish ^{For a Term of Years.} by the Numbers, One, Two, Three, and so on, and to Demise and Lease out the same to the highest Bidders, Ten Days Publick Notice being first given, for any Term of Years not exceeding Twenty One Years, under such Yearly Rents as the same Visitors or the major Part of them shall think proper and reasonable.

And be it further Enacted, That all such Leases as the aforesaid Visitors or the major Part of them shall make, of the Land aforesaid, according to the Directions of this Act, shall be good and valid to the Person or Persons taking the same for the Terms therein mentioned, and shall be binding as well on the Master of the same School at the Time of making such Lease or Leases, as on any succeeding Master or Masters, who shall be Admitted to, or put in Possession of, the same School, at any Time after the making of the same Lease or Leases, any Law, Statute, other Act of Assembly, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. ^{Such Leases good and binding.}

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