

[A Supplicatory Act to their Sacred Majesties for erecting of
free Schools]

To their most Sacred Ma^{ty}s the King and Queen

Dread Sovereignes

From the Sincerity of our humble and Loyall hearts We offer to your sacred persons our most dutifull & sincere thanks for your Royall Care and Proteccōn to us, for your Ma^{ty}s Princely Zeale and pious care of our Mother the Church of England and Extending your Royall Benediccōn to our Neighbouring Collony your Ma^{ty}s Subjects and Territory of Virginia in your Gracious Grant and Charter for the propagation of the Colledge or place of Universall Study in that your Ma^{ty}s said Collony: In humble contemplation whereof and being excited by his present Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r your Ma^{ty}s Govern^r of this your Province his Zeale for your Ma^{ty}s service pious Endeavors and generous offers for the propagating of Christianity and good Learning herein are become humble Suitors to your most sacred Ma^{ty}s to extend your Royall Grace and favour to us your Ma^{ty}s Subjects of this Province Represented in this your Ma^{ty}s Gen^rall Assembly thereof That it may be Enacted And may it be Enacted by your sacred Ma^{ty}s by and with the advice Prayer and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That for the propagation of the Gospell and the Education of the youth of this Province in good Letters and Manners that a certaine place or places for a Free Schoole or Schoole or place of study of Lattin Greek writeing and the like consisting of one Master one Usher and one writing master or Scribe to a Schoole and one hundred Schollers more or less according to the abillity of the said Free schoole may be made Erected founded propagated and Established by and under the Patronage of the Right Reverend Father in God
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and managed
by certaine Trustees nominated and Elected by this present Generall Assembly That is to say by your Ma^{ty}s said Governor Francis Nicholson Esq^r the Hon^{ble} Sr Thomas Lawrence Barr^t Colonell George Robotham, Colonell Charles Hutchins, Colonell John Addison, of your Ma^{ty}s Hono^{ble} Councill of this Province The Reverend Divines M^r Peregrine Coney M^r John Hewett together with Robert Smyth Kenelme Cheseldine Henry Coursey Edward Dorcy Thomas Enalls Thomas Taskar Francis Jenkins William Dent Thomas Smith Edward Boothby John Thompson and John Bigger gentlemen or the major parte or Survivors of them upon and in a certaine place of this Province called Anne Arrundell Towne upon Seaverne River or att such other place and places as by the Gen^rall Assembly of this Province shall be thought convenient and fitting to be supported & mainteyned in all tyme coming, and that your Ma^{ty}s will for your Heires and Success^{rs} graunt and give Leave to the said Francis Nicholson Esq^r and the other Trustees abovesaid or the major part or

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