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XVII.

and Visitors of the said Free-School and Schools. And that the said Governors and Visitors may have leave to break, change and renew their said Seal, from Time to Time, at their Pleasure, as they shall see most expedient.

Their Power  
and Duty in  
founding o-  
ther Schools,first at *Oxford*,

XII. And further, That it may please your Majesty to grant to the said Rector, Governors and Visitors aforesaid, of the said Free-School or Schools aforesaid, that as soon as they shall be enabled by any Gifts, Grants, Pensions, Donations, or Incomes, of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate whatsoever, real or personal, exceeding the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds per Year, allotted and allowed for Support and Reparations of the first Free-School at *Severn*, as aforesaid; that then, as they shall be enabled as aforesaid, the said Rector, Governors and Visitors, shall proceed to erect, found and build, one other Free-School at the Town of *Oxford*, on the Eastern Shore of this Province, in *Talbot* County, or in such other Place of the same County, as to the said Rectors, Governors and Visitors aforesaid, shall seem most expedient. And, after the same shall be built, founded and established, to appropriate and apply to the said second Free-School (out of the Treasure accruing to them for the Benefit and Advantage of Free-Schools aforesaid, over and above the One Hundred and Twenty Pounds per Year, allowed as aforesaid, to the first Free-School) the like Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds per Year, for the Benefit, Advantage and Support of such second Free-School, and shall and may place a Master, Usher, and Scribe therein, as in the other first Free-School, as aforesaid; and shall, in all Respects, be under the same Benefits, Privileges, Injunctions and Restrictions, as the said first Free-School.

and then in  
the several  
Counties.

XIII. And also, after the said second Free-School is built, erected, founded and furnished, the said Rectors, Governors and Visitors, shall as fast as they shall be enabled as aforesaid, proceed to the Erecting other and more Free-Schools in this Province, *That is to say*, in every County of this Province at present, one Free-School. And shall and may be impowered to establish, constitute, enjoin and restrain, to and under the same Benefits, Advantages, Instructions and Restrictions as aforesaid, and appropriate and apply such and so much of the said Revenue, not before disposed or ordained to each Free-School, as to them shall seem most convenient and expedient; not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, as aforesaid.

The Suppli-  
catory Act of  
1694, *ch.* 31,  
repealed.

XIV. And be it hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a \* *Supplementary Act for Free-Schools*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *St. Mary's*, the Twenty-first Day of *September* 1694, be and is hereby utterly repealed and made void.

*Examined and Compared with the Record,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

\* Thus it stands in the Record.

N. B. The Powers in §. 12 and 13, having never been carried into Execution, a new Act was made 1723, *ch.* 19, incorporating Visitors in each County.

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Passed 9th of  
July 1696.

An Act for the Service of Almighty GOD, and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province. *Lib.* LL. N<sup>o</sup> 2. *fol.* 125. *DISSENT.*

The Acts of 1692, *ch.* 2; and 1695, *ch.* 1, were hereby repealed. His Majesty's Dissent to this Law bears Date at the Court at *Kensington*, *November* 30th 1699, and as the Reason thereof, takes Notice, that "therein is a † Clause declaring all the Laws of *England* to be in Force in *Maryland*; which Clause is of another Nature than that which is set forth by the Title in the "said Law." A new Act was made 1700, *ch.* 1, which was likewise Disapproved by his Majesty in Council; which was succeeded by the Act now in Force, of 1702, *ch.* 1.

† The Clause objected to, runs in these Words, *viz.* And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Church of *England*, within this Province, shall enjoy all and singular her Rights, Privileges and Freedoms, as it is now, or shall be, at any Time hereafter, established by Law in the Kingdom of *England*: And that his Majesty's Subjects of this Province shall enjoy all their Rights and Liberties, according to the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom of *England*, in all Matters and Causes, where the Laws of this Province are silent.

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