

C H A P. XIX.

passed 26th
October 1723.

An ACT for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting
Schools in the several Counties within this Province. *Lib. LL.*

N^o 4. fol. 602.

A Supplementary Act 1728, ch. 8.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the preceding Assemblies for some Years past have had much at Heart the absolute Necessity they have lain under, in regard both to Duty and Interest, to make the best Provision in their Power for the liberal and pious Education of the Youth of this Province, and improving their natural Abilities and Accuteness, (which seems not to be inferior to any) so as to be fitted for the Discharge of their Duties in the several Stations and Employments they may be called to, and employed in, either in regard to Church or State; and for that End laid an Imposition on fundry Commodities exported out of, and others imported into, this Province, and other Fines, for the raising a Fund for the erecting and supporting a good School in each County within this Province, which has succeeded with such desired Effect, that it is now thought necessary, and is prayed that it may be Enacted,

One School
to be erected
in each Coun-
ty.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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 in some convenient Time, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, there shall (for the Ends before mentioned) be erected One School in each County within this Province, at the most convenient Place, as near the Center of the County as may be, and as may be most convenient for the Boarding of Children, at the Discretion of the Visitors, or the major Part of them, that are hereafter nominated, appointed and impowered by this Act, in each County.

Seven Vifi-
tors appoint-
ed for each
County.

III. And be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That for the Time being, the Seven several Persons hereafter named for each County, be, and are hereby nominated, appointed, and named Visitors, and are impowered with full and sufficient Authority for discharging the several Offices, Duties and Trusts, reposed in and required of them by this Act, within the several and respective Counties wherein they reside, (*That is to say*),

For St. Ma-
ry's County.

For St. Mary's County, the Reverend Leigh Massy, James Bowles, Esq; Nicholas Lowe, Esq; Mr. Samuel Williamson, Colonel Thomas Trueman Greenfield, Mr. Thomas Waughop, and Captain Justinian Jordan.

Kent County.

For Kent County, the Reverend Richard Sewall, the Reverend Alexander Williamson, James Harris, Esq; Colonel Edward Scott, Mr. Simon Wilmer, Mr. Gideon Pearce, Mr. Lambert Wilmer.

Ann-Arundel
County.

For Ann-Arundel County, the Reverend Mr. Joseph Colebatch, Colonel Samuel Young, William Lock, Esq; Captain Daniel Mariartee, Mr. Charles Hammond, Mr. Richard Warfield, and John Beale, Esq;

Calvert
County.

For Calvert County, the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Cay, John Rousby, Esq; Colonel John Mackall, Colonel John Smith, Mr. James Heigh, Mr. Walter Smith of Leonard's Creek, Mr. Benjamin Mackall.

Baltimore
County.

For Baltimore County, the Reverend Mr. William Tibbs, Colonel John Dorsey, Mr. John Israel, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Tolley, Mr. John Stokes, and Mr. Thomas Sheredine.

Charles
County.

For Charles County, the Reverend Mr. William Maconchie, Mr. Gustavus Brown, Mr. George Dent, Captain Joseph Harrison, Mr. Robert Hanson, Mr. Samuel Hanson, and Mr. Randal Morris.

Talbot
County.

For Talbot County, the Reverend Mr. Henry Nicholls, Colonel Matthew Tilghman Ward, Robert Ungle, Esq; Mr. Robert Goldsborough, Mr. William Clayton, Mr. John Oldham, and Mr. Thomas Bozman.

For