

neglect to meet, and be present, at any of the Times appointed for the Meeting of the said Visitors, so that the necessary Affairs of the said School or Schools cannot be transacted and directed, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Visitors of each Schools, or the major Part of such Visitors, who shall so meet, are hereby directed and empowered to nominate and choose one or more of the principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County, into the Place and Room of the said Visitor so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, which Person or Persons so elected and chosen, from Time to Time, are always to be qualified in the same Manner as is directed for the Qualification of Visitors, by the said recited Act.

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Others may be chosen in their Room, who shall qualify as directed by the original Act.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Master of every Public School within this Province, shall, and is hereby required to teach as many poor Children gratis, as the Visitors, or the major Part of them, of the respective Schools shall order, or be immediately discharged and removed from his Trust in the said School, and a new Master put in.

What poor Children shall be taught gratis.

IV. And whereas some Doubts have arisen on the Explanation and Construction of an Act, entitled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll, on all Irish Servants, being Papists, to prevent the Growth of Popery, by the Importation of too great a Number of them into this Province: And also the additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll on all Negroes, for raising a Fund for the Use of Public Schools within the several Counties of this Province*, whether the Twenty Shillings Current Money thereby imposed on Irish Servants, being Papists, and Negroes imported into this Province, by Land or Water, were intended by the said Act, or shall be construed to be imposed on such Irish Servants, being Papists, and Negroes, as have been, or shall be imported in any Ship or Vessel built in this Province, whereof the Owners have been, or shall be actually Residents in this Province, or in any Ship or Vessel, English or Plantation built, purchased, enjoyed or held, by Owners Residents within this Province.

Doubts on the Act of 1717, ch. 10, recited.

V. Be it therefore Declared, and it is hereby Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Ship or Vessel, whereof all the Owners have been (or shall be) actually Residents of this Province; or no Ship or Vessel, English or Plantation built, purchased, enjoyed, and held, by Owners Residents within this Province, shall be construed to have been, or shall hereafter be discharged, and not liable to the Payment of the aforesaid Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll on all Irish Servants, being Papists, and all Negroes imported into this Province, in such Ship or Vessel; any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The Duty thereby imposed, shall be paid for Irish Servants being Papists and Negroes imported in Country Bottoms.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISLIN, THOMAS BAERON.

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An Act to appropriate Part of the Land laid out in the City of Annapolis for the building a Custom-house on, to and for the building a Market-house. Lib. Passed 2<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1728. L. N<sup>o</sup> 5. fol. 214.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Henry Ridgley, Mordecai Hammond, and John Welsh, Gent. or any Two of them, were empowered to survey, lay out, and mark, 60 Feet in Breadth on the Water, 360 Feet in Length, and 25 Feet on the Head of the Land formerly allotted to build a Custom-house on (which is contained by 250 Feet in Breadth on the Water, 360 Feet in Length, and 82 Feet in Breadth on the Head of the said Land) and return a Certificate thereof, to be recorded in the Mayor's Court; and the Corporation to be seized of an Estate in Fee-simple in and to the Land so laid out, &c. Provided the Corporation build a Market-house thereon within Two Years after such Survey, &c. (2.) The Corporation are empowered to sell the Land formerly laid out for a Market-house; and to apply the Money arising from such Sale towards building the Market-house intended by this Act. See 1751, ch. 21, which empowered the Corporation to sell the Market-house and Land established by this Act, and to apply the Money arising from such Sale towards the Purchasing some other Piece of Ground within the City, and building thereon a new Market-house.