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*An Act to incorporate the Buckingham Academy, in Worcester County.*

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Passed Dec. 22.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be founded a school or seminary of learning in Buckingham Hundred, in Worcester county, under such regulations and restrictions as are hereinafter prescribed, which shall be known by the name of The Buckingham Academy.

Academy to be founded.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said school shall be under the direction and management of Thomas S. Fassitt, Thomas N. Williams, George W. Purnell, William F. Selby, John P. Marshall, James A. Collins, John I. Williams, Isaac Franklin and Cord Hazzard, trustees; which trustees, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of The Buckingham Academy, by which name and title the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable at law and in equity to take to themselves, and their successors, for the said school, any estate in lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same shall not exceed in the whole the yearly value of three thousand dollars; and the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies, and other effects, to grant, bargain, sell, demise, and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said school, in such manner as to them, or at least a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, profits and issues, arising therefrom, and to apply the same to the proper use and support of said school; and by the same name to sue and be sued, commence, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever; and generally in and by the same name to do and perform any act or acts which any corporation or body politic within this state in like cases may or can do and perform; and the said trustees, and their successors, are hereby authorised to have one common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure.

Under whose management. Powers and privileges.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever any of the trustees of said school shall die, resign, or refuse to act or qualify, or remove from the county, or shall neglect to attend the meetings of the said board more than one year, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, shall elect by ballot a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

Vacancies, how to be supplied

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall meet for the first time on the second Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, and qualify by taking the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the trust committed to me, as trustee of the Buckingham Academy, to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oath any justice of the peace may administer.

Meetings of trustees—Oath,

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make fundamental ordinances for the government of the school

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