

ment of the youth, and other suitable exercises; and the remainder of the grounds belonging to the said Kent county school may and shall be leased out by the visitors of the said school for the time being, and by the visitors and governors of the said college, after the same shall be established, in leases for lives or ninety-nine years, or on any other leases that may be judged most beneficial for advancing the cause of learning, and promoting the said college, agreeable to the original design for which the said Kent county school was founded, and for which the said school lands were purchased.

C H A P.  
VIII.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the ordinances which shall be from time to time made by the visitors and governors of the said college, and their successors, with an account of their other proceedings, and of the management of the estate and monies committed to their trust, shall, when required, be laid before the general assembly of Maryland, for their inspection and examination; but in case at any time hereafter, through oversight, or otherwise through misapprehensions and mistakes, constructions of the powers, liberties and franchises, in this charter or act of incorporation granted or intended to be granted, any ordinances should be made by the said corporation of visitors and governors, or any matters done and transacted by the corporation, contrary to the tenor hereof, it is enacted, that although all such ordinances, acts and doings, shall in themselves be null and void, yet they shall not, however, in any courts of law, or by the general assembly, be deemed, taken, interpreted or adjudged, into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act of incorporation, but the same shall be and remain unhurt, inviolate and entire, unto the said corporation of visitors and governors, in perpetual succession; and all their acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof, shall be and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Ordinances,  
&c. to be laid  
before the ge-  
neral assem-  
bly, &c.

XV. And be it enacted and declared, That this charter and act of incorporation, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favourably on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the said visitors and governors, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science and virtue.

Charter good  
in law, &c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That no person shall act as visitor and governor, or as principal or vice-principal, or as professor, in the said college, before he shall take the oath of fidelity and support to this state required by the constitution or by the laws of this state.

Visitors, &c.  
to take the  
oath of fidel-  
ty.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for building a prison in Somerset county, and for other purposes.

The justices are commanded to sell their old prison, at public vendue, and to assess, with their next levy, a sum of money, not exceeding £. 400, wherewithal to purchase, near the old prison, a quantity of ground, not more than one acre, to be laid off with boundaries, by the surveyor, who is to deliver the county clerk a certificate thereof, to be recorded. And on this land the justices shall build a new gaol.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war.

To continue one year, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the relief of John Ray, of Anne-Arundel county.

C H A P. XII.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to enable naval officers to grant registers for vessels.

Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That all ships or vessels, built by any inhabitant of this state for any citizens of the United States, or any vessel the property of, or built for, a subject of any power or state not at enmity or war with this state, may be registered in the manner directed by this act.

Ships may be  
registered, &c.