

CHAPTER 119.

CHAP. 119

*An act for founding a College in Belle Air, Harford County, by the name of the Maryland College.*

Passed March 6, 1828.

College instituted—on these fundamental principles

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a college or general seminary of learning by the name of the Maryland College, be established in Belle Air, Harford county, upon the following fundamental principles, namely: First, the said college shall be founded and maintained forever upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honours of the college, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular plan of religious worship or service, other than that they have been educated in, or have the approbation and consent of their parents or guardians to attend, nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a principal or other professor, master or tutor in the college, on account of his particular religious profession, but regard shall be had solely to his moral character, literary abilities, and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he shall be chosen: Second, when any of the trustees named or chosen shall die, resign, decline serving or remove out of the county, a just quorum of said trustees duly assembled at a regular visitation of the said college, such quorum so assembled shall proceed by a new election to fill up the place and seat of such deceased, removed or vacant member.

Vacancy of trustees supplied

Trustees named

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That Stevenson Archer, the Rev. William Finnley, Dr. Robert H. Archer, Paca Smith, Thomas A. Hays, Henry Dorsey, of Edward, Charles S. Sewell, John Street, Samuel Brown, Dr. James Montgomery, Dr. Elijah Davis, John Forwood, John Clendenen, Dr. Joshua Wilson and James Steel, be, and are hereby appointed trustees of the said college.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees shall have full power and authority to appoint one of their own members president of the board, who shall preside at their meetings, and in his absence to appoint a vice president.

President.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees aforesaid, may receive donations or subscriptions, and appoint proper persons for receiving the same, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting or purchasing the necessary buildings, and carrying into effect the objects of the institution.

Funds to erect buildings

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid trustees and their successors, by the same name shall be able and capable in law to purchase, have and enjoy to them and their successors, in fee, or for any other less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments within this state, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release or confirmation of any person or persons, bodies

(Empowered to hold property and appropriate funds