

## CHAPTER 577.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the visitors of Anne Arundel County Free School, a body politic, to sell its land in said county excepting two acres, and to apply the proceeds toward building a new school house on said two acres.

Whereas, by Chapter 19 of the Acts of Assembly of Maryland, passed in October, seventeen hundred and twenty-three (1723), the visitors to the Free School in Anne Arundel County, and their successors in perpetual succession by said Act of Assembly duly constituted as a body politic, were authorized and directed to purchase one hundred or more acres of land at some convenient place near the center of the said county for the purpose of erecting and establishing thereon a free school and were by said Act fully authorized and empowered to take, hold and enjoy said land and to manage and govern the same for the use of said school, as directed by the provisions of said Act; and

Whereas, in pursuance of said Act of Assembly the visitors therein appointed for Anne Arundel County, namely: The Reverend Mr. Joseph Colebatch, Colonel Samuel Young, William Locke, Esquire, Captain Daniel Mariartee, Mr. Charlie Hammond, Mr. Richard Warfield, and John Beale, Esquire, on the nineteenth day of June, 1724, purchased from Richard Snowden, of Anne Arundel County, a tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, in that section of the said county now known as the Second Election District between Rutland and Chesterfield, and being part of the land known at the time of said purchase as "God Will," and lying at the head of South River; and

Whereas, the above named visitors erected a school house on said land and ever since that time up to the present day, the said Free School property has been managed and governed by the duly qualified successors in office of said visitors, and whereas, now Benjamin Watkins, Sr., Robert W. Kent, Ephraim Gaither and Julian M. Beard compose said Board of Visitors; and

Whereas, since the institution and enlargement of the public school system in Anne Arundel County the scope of the operations of the said Free School has been narrowed and the said farm of one hundred and fifty acres has been found too large for the practical uses of said school, and the building unsuited for the needs of a modern school, and being also in a dilapidated condition, the said visitors have unanimously agreed that the best interests of education and of the community would be better subserved by selling the said property known