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erection and endowment of a school in the county aforesaid, which, if encouraged by the legislature, may become a useful institution; therefore,

An academy
erected, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there be erected, and hereby is erected and established, in the town of Centre-Ville, in Queen-Anne's county, an academy for the liberal education of youth in such sciences and branches of learning as the trustees and professors thereof shall from time to time think useful and expedient for the benefit and advancement of the institution, and the said academy shall be regulated under the management, direction and government, of twelve trustees, and be perpetuated in the manner herein after mentioned.

Trustees ap-
pointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Joseph H. Nicholson, Richard T. Earle, James Tilghman, James Holliday, William Chambers, William Clayton, William Carmichael, Samuel Keene, junior, Philip Fideman, Thomas Wright, of Thomas, Thomas Wright, of Solomon, and Henry Darden, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said academy; and the said trustees, and their successors, to be elected in the manner herein after mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession, in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Centre-Ville Academy, in Queen-Anne's County, by which name and title they, the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable, in law and in equity, to take and to hold to themselves, and their successors, for the use of the said academy, any estate in any messuages, lands and tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, monies or effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same do not exceed, in the whole, the clear yearly value of five thousand dollars, and the same messuages, lands and tenements, and other estate, real or personal, to farm let, and put out on interest, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest, of the same, and to apply the emoluments thereof to the proper use and advancement of the said academy.

How vacancies
are to be filled.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at all times for ever hereafter, when any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the said community of trustees, by the death, resignation or refusal, of any one or more of the members thereof, or by the wilful neglect of any one or more of them to attend two succeeding stated meetings of the board of trustees, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, proceed to elect, by ballot, other sensible and discreet person or persons of the said county, to be the trustee or trustees to supply such vacancy or vacancies, and in like manner shall all future vacancies be supplied by the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, so as to perpetuate the number of twelve persons as trustees of the said academy for ever.

Trustees may
sue, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, (in any court or courts, and before any judge, justice or justices, within this state and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be, and all and every other matter or thing to do therein,) in as full and effectual manner as any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, in like cases may or can do or perform; and the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to have, make and use, one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and therewith to pass and authenticate the certificates, acts and orders, of the said corporation, and the same seal, at their pleasure, to break, alter and renew.

May appoint
professors, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint professors, teachers and assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said academy in such sciences and branches of education as they shall think proper and suitable to be taught therein, and to make fundamental ordinances or regulations for the good government of the said academy, and the instruction of the youth as aforesaid, and by these ordinances to appoint such a number of their own body, not less than seven, as they may think proper, to be a quorum or committee for transacting all general and necessary business of the said seminary, and making temporary rules for the management thereof; and also by the said ordinances to delegate to the professors and teachers such powers and authorities as they shall think expedient for the standing government and discipline of the said seminary, and the execution of the regulations thereof; and also by the said ordinances to make such regulations for the directions, visitation and examination, of the said semi-