

and built a house thereon, for a seminary of learning— CHAP. 298.  
therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of* Incorporated.  
*Maryland,* That Washington Owen, John S. Mannakee,  
Thomas L. F. Higgins, Aaron Craycroft, and Thomas O.  
Smith, of Montgomery county, and their successors, shall  
be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body polit-  
itic for ever, by the name and style, of The Trustees of Hope-  
well Academy of Montgomery County, by which name and  
style of the trustees of Hopewell Academy of Montgomery  
county, by which name and style the said trustees and their  
successors, shall be capable in any courts of law or equity  
in this state, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended,  
to answer and be answered, to hold whether acquired by  
purchase, gift, or devise, property real personal or mixed,  
and the same to use, manage, and employ, in such manner as  
they or a majority of them may deem most beneficial, to  
carry into effect the purposes of the institution and to sell  
and dispose of the same, and perform any act or acts which  
any corporation or body politic within this state, and in  
like cases may or can do or perform, and the said trustees  
and their successors are hereby authorised to have and use  
one common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew,  
at pleasure; *provided always,* that the property to be held Proviso.  
by the said trustees in their corporate capacity shall not ex-  
ceed the annual value of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That an election for trustees, Election of  
shall be held on the first Monday in January in each and trustees.  
every year hereafter, at the said academy, which said elec-  
tion shall be by ballot and conducted as follows, to wit:  
every subscriber to said institution shall be allowed one vote,  
for each and every scholar by him or her subscribed at the  
time of the said election, and the said five persons having a  
majority of votes shall be declared the trustees for the en-  
suing year.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees Trustees to  
and their successors or a majority of them, from time to appoint teach-  
time and at all times hereafter, shall have full power and ers.  
authority to constitute and appoint in such manner as they  
may think best, male teachers for instructing the scholars  
and pupils of said academy in such branches of education  
as they shall think proper and suitable to be taught therein,  
and to make fundamental ordinances and regulations for the  
good government of said academy and instruction of the  
scholars as aforesaid.