

rated, the first Trustees of the aforesaid Academy, and the said trustees and their successors to be elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby 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 Hereford Academy of Baltimore County, by which name and title they, 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 messuages, land and tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, monies or effects by the gift, grant or bargain, sale, conveyance, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever; *provided*, the same do not exceed in the whole the clear 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 interests of the same, and to apply the emoluments thereof to the proper use and advancement of the said Academy.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That at all times 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 the meetings of the board of trustees for the space of six months, 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 trustee or trustees to supply such vacancy or vacancies, and in like manner shall all future vacancies be supplied by said trustees and their successors or a majority of them, so as to perpetuate the number of eleven persons as trustees of the said Academy forever

SEC. 3. *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