

state of Virginia three whole years next preceding such removal or importation, and the same to retain as slaves, provided that said Howard shall cause the slaves aforesaid to be registered in Montgomery county court. Dec. Ses. 1816

2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Henry Howard, of John, to sell and dispose of the slaves imported by virtue of this act, until the said slaves shall have resided within this state three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy. Not to dispose of them until they have resided three years in state.

CHAPTER 206.

An act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Shrewsbury Academy, in Kent County. Passed Feb. 30

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John H. Nowland, Doctor Edward Scott, William Pryor, Philip T. Rasin, George William Wilson, James Pearce, and William Keating, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the Shrewsbury 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 fact and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of The Shrewsbury Academy, by which name and title the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable in law, or in equity, to take and to hold to themselves, and their successors, for the use of the said academy, any estate in lands and tenements, goods, chattels, monies, stock and 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 two thousand dollars, and the same to sell, convey, lease, loan, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them, or a quorum of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution. Trustees incorporated.

2. *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 trustees thereof, or by the neglect of any one or more of them to attend four succeeding stated meetings of the board of trustees, the surviving or remaining trustees, or a quorum of them, may proceed to elect, by ballot, other sensible, judicious, and discreet person or persons of the county, to be the trustee or trustees to supply the vacancy or vacancies occasioned by the restrictive causes aforesaid, and in such manner may all future vacancy or vacancies be supplied by the said trustees, and their successors, or a quorum of them, so as to perpetuate not less than the number of seven persons as trustees of the said academy for ever. Vacancies.

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 impleaded, in any court or courts, and before any judge, justice or justices, within this state, and Privileges of company.