

CHAPTER 131.

An act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Church Hill Academy in Queen-Anne's County.

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Preamble

WHEREAS, sundry inhabitants of the village of Church Hill, and its vicinity, have by their petition set forth, that they have erected a large and convenient brick building for an academy, and pray for an act of incorporation for the organization of the same; and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of said petition be granted; Therefore,

Trustees incorporated.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* That the said school shall be under the direction and management of James Brown, Samuel Burgess, William Jacobs, James Butcher, George Burgess, Jonathan Crain, Parran Taylor, Thomas Crain, James G. Rochester, James Hall, Campbell J. Cornelius, John Hollingsworth, John Hackett, Robert Carson, John S. Blake, trustees of the Church Hill Academy; which trustees and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Church Hill Academy, by which name and title the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable at law and in equity, to take to themselves, and their successors, for the said school, any estate in lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies, or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same shall not exceed in the whole, the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars, and the said lands and tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies, and other effects, to grant, bargain, sell, demise, and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said school, in such manner as to them, or at least a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial to the said institution, and to receive the rents, profits and issues, arising therefrom, and to apply the same to the proper use and support of said school; and by the same name to sue and be sued, commence, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and generally, in and by the same name, to do and perform any act or acts which any corporation or body politic within this state in like cases may or can do and perform; and the said trustees, and their successors, are hereby authorised to have one common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure.

Vacancies.

2. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any of the trustees of said school shall die, resign, or refuse to act or qualify, or remove from the county, or shall neglect to attend the meetings of the said board more than one year, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, shall elect by ballot a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

Trustees to make ordinances.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make fundamental ordinances for the government of the school or seminary aforesaid, and the education of youth, and to appoint such person or persons as they or a majority of them may think proper, to be a teacher or teachers of the said school.

to meet twice a year.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall meet at least twice in each year, at such time as shall be appointed by their own ordinances, in order