

in their power for want of convenient schools, where the rudiments of such education might be had at a moderate expense;

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Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the school at Elkton in Cecil county, called "The Town's School," shall be erected, and hereby is erected into an academy, for 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.

Town School erected into an academy.

2. *And be it enacted,* That James Sewall, John Groome, Tobias Rudolph, William H. Ward, Adam Whann, Joshua Richardson, Levi Tyson, John Ruan, John R. Evans, Thomas W. Veasy, Alexander Scott, and Matthew Pearce, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said academy; and the said trustees, and their successors, to be elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby elected, 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 Elkton Academy in Cecil 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, or put out at 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 emolument thereof to the proper use and advancement of the said academy.

Trustees appointed, and incorporated.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, seized in fee simple, for the use and benefit of the said academy, of the houses and lot in the town of Elkton at present belonging to the aforesaid "Town School," together with any other property, real or personal, which hath been given or granted by any individual or individuals for the benefit of said school.

Fee simple of houses and lot vested in trustees.

4. *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 the meetings of the board of trustees for the space of two years, 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 state of Maryland, to be 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.

Vacancies.