


## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

*Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.*

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 1750.

As my Regard for the Public cannot be doubted by my constant Readers, for whose Use and Entertainment I have for so many Years ranfack'd my own and my Authors Brains, together with Writings both Ancient and Modern, Prints and Manuscripts; so it may easily be supposed, a Copy of the following charitable Proposal was received and is now Published by me with uncommon Satisfaction; as in my own Opinion, which is always humbly submitted to that of the Public it is a very good One, and deserves both Encouragement and Imitation.

*A General PLAN or SCHEME, for Setting up and Supporting a CHARITY SCHOOL in the Parish of ST. PETER'S in Talbot County, for the Maintenance and Education of ORPHANS and their poor CHILDREN.*

I.  H A T a Master, duly qualified, shall be procured from *England*, to be recommended and approved of by one of the religious SOCIETIES, who shall be obliged to teach so many poor Children as shall be determined by the TRUSTEES; and shall also instruct a certain Number of *Negro* Children, if thereunto required by the Trustees.

II. That besides the annual Subscriptions and casual Benefactions; Application be made to the *Vestry*, to appropriate the Money collected at the *Offertory* on Sacrament-Sundays to the Use of the said SCHOOL: And also that one or more *Charity* SERMONS be Preached every Year, and Collections made thereat, for the better Support of the said SCHOOL.

III. That the Number of poor Children, whether Boys or Girls, shall be determined by the Trustees, according to the Produce of the Benefactions: A smaller Number at first, which may be increased as it shall please God to increase the Abilities or Fund of the Trustees.

IV. That the POOR CHILDREN shall be taught to read, write, and account, and be instructed in the Knowledge and Practice of the *Christian Religion*, as professed and taught in the Church of ENGLAND; together with such other Things as are suitable to their Condition and Capacity: And be supplied, during their Continuance in the School, with all Necessaries of Life proper to their State.

V. That to their Learning shall be added such Labour as they are capable of, that they may be inured to Industry, as well as trained up in the Principles of Piety and Virtue, at a Time when their tender Mind may be supposed the most susceptible of good Impressions, and least tinctured with the prevailing Insolence and Vices of the Country.

VI. That after such a Course of Exercise and Instruction as may be necessary, they shall be put out to Services or Apprenticeships, as may seem best to the Trustees, for the Credit of the Establishment, and the Good of the CHILDREN, as well as that of the Country in general.

VII. That if it shall please God so to bless the Endeavours of the Trustees as to enable them to set up some useful MANUFACTURE, they shall lay themselves out in that Way, and strive to make the Produce of the CHILDRENS Labour contribute towards their Support or better Encouragement, as Circumstances may require.

VIII. That such *Negro* Children as shall be sent by Order of the Trustees to the said SCHOOL, shall be taught to read and write, and instructed in the Knowledge and Fear of the LORD *gratuit*; but maintained at the Expence of their respective Owners.

RULES refer'd to In the following Subscription ROLL, relating to the Subscribers, Trustees, &c. for the Government and Support of the said SCHOOL; and for regulating other Matters concerning the Care and Management thereof.

I. That the present annual SUBSCRIPTION shall be deemed to commence from the Day of the Date of the Subscription-Roll, and the Payments to be made accordingly.

II. That at the End of each Year, any Subscriber may withdraw his or her Subscription for the Time to come, by signifying the same in Writing, under his or her Hand, to the Trustees and Treasurer for the Time being, three Months before the Expiration of the Year.——Where no such Notice is given, such Persons to be deemed Subscribers at the same Rate or Value for the following Year: And Payment to be made accordingly.

III. That there shall be a general MEETING of the Subscribers, on Saturday the 29th September, 1750, at the Parish Church of St. Peter's in Talbot County, at the Hour of XII: When Six Trustees and a Treasurer shall be chosen by the Majority of Subscribers then present, who with the *Rector* of the said Parish for the Time being, shall have the immediate Care and Government of the said SCHOOL, and shall report the State and Condition of the same at the Quarterly or other general Meetings of the said Subscribers.

IV. That no Person shall be qualified to be chosen a Trustee or Treasurer for the said Charity-SCHOOL, who does not at least subscribe Five Pounds Current Money of this Province per Annum, towards the Support of the said SCHOOL.

V. That at the first general Meeting of the Subscribers, on the 29th September, 1750, shall be settled the Times and Manner of the future general Meetings, and such other Regulations agreed upon, as shall be deemed the Standing RULES and ORDERS, for the Government and Management of the said Charity-SCHOOL.

VI. That if there shou'd happen to be any Money in Stock, at the Entrance of the Treasurer upon his Office; or that there be a considerable Subscription to be received; the Treasurer shall give his Bond to Four or more of the Subscribers, to lay out the same as the Trustees shall Order. But more especially, that in Case of his Death, the Money so received and not expended, may be answered to the SCHOOL.

VII. That the Treasurer shall keep a fair Account of all Receipts and Disbursements, for the view of the Subscribers and others, who may desire to know how the Money is disposed of.

VIII. That the Treasurer shall bring in his Accounts once or oftner in a Year, if required, to be examined and audited by the Trustees, or Persons appointed for that Purpose.

IX. That on Easter Monday in each Year, there shall be chosen a Treasurer and Six Trustees, by the Majority of the Subscribers then present; nor shall any Treasurer or Trustee continue in his Office above one Year, unless re-elected by the Majority aforesaid.

X. That every Person subscribing Five Pounds Currency per Annum or upwards, shall have a Right to Name a CHILD to enjoy the Benefit of the SCHOOL, such CHILD appearing to the Trustees to be a fit Object for it. The largest Subscriber to have the first Nomination, and the rest in Order, according to the Value of their annual Subscriptions. Those of equal Value to cast Lots for their Choice or Nomination, and afterwards Children to be presented by them in their turns, as settled by the said Lot.

The Subscription-ROLL.

Maryland, 14th July, 1750.

WHEREAS Prophaneness and Debauchery, Idleness and Immorality, are greatly owing to a gross Ignorance of the CHRISTIAN Religion;