

of this your Province, his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, Pious Endeavours & generous Offers for the propagation of Christianity and good Learning, hereunto become humble Suitors to your most Sacred Majesty to extend your Royal Grace & Favour to us your Majesty's Subjects of this Province represented in this your Majesty's General Assembly thereof, that it may be Enacted,

And M A Y I T B E E N A C T E D by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice Prayer and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, That for the propagation of the Gospel, and the Education of the Youth of this Province in good Letters and Manners, that a certain place or places for a Free-School or Schools, or place of Study of Latine, Greek, Writing and the like, Consisting of one Master, one Usher, and one Writing Master or Scribe to a School, and one hundred Scholars, more or less according to the ability of the said Free-School, may be made, erected, founded, propagated & established under your Royal Patronage, And that the most Reverend Father in God Thomas By Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury Primate & Metropolitan of all England, may be Chancellor of the said Schools, and that to perpetuate the Memory of your Majesty it may be called King William's School, & managed by certain Trustees to be chosen & appointed by your Sacred Majesty, (to wit)

as also by the following Trustees nominated and appointed by this present general Assembly, that is to say, by your Majesty's said Governour Francis Nicholson Esq: The Honourable Sir Thomas Laurence Barro-Knight, Colonel George Robinson, Colonel Charles Hutchins, Colonel John Addison of your Majesty's Honourable Council of this Province: The Reverend Divine Mr. Peregrine Corry and Mr. John Hewes, together with Robert Smith, Kenelm Chesledyn, Henry Courley, Leonard Corley, Thomas Ennals, Thomas Tasker, Francis Jonkins, William Dent, Thomas Smith, Edward Boothby, John Thompson and John Biggier Gentlemen or the greatest part or the successors of them, upon and in a certain place of this Province called *Ann-Atwell* Town upon *Seavern* River, and at such other place or places as by the General Assembly of this Province shall be thought convenient & fitting to be imposed & maintained in all time coming, and that your Majesty with your Heirs and Successors grant and give leave to the said Francis Nicholson Esq: and Trustees above said, or the major part or longest livers of them that they may be enabled to take, hold and enjoy, and that they may be up & capable in Law for taking, holding and enjoying all Manors, of Lands, Tenements, Rent Services, Rectory's, Portions, Annuity's, Pensions, with all other inheritances, Franchises and Possession whatsoever Spiritual or Temporal to the value of fifteen hundred pounds Sterling, and all other Goods, Chattels, Money and Personal Estate whatsoever of the Gift of any persons whatsoever that is willing to bestow them for the said use, or any other Gifts, Grants, Assignments, Legacies, or Appointment of the same, or of any of them or of any other Goods whatsoever with this express intention and trust put in them, That the said Francis Nicholson and other the Trustees aforesaid, or the major part or longest livers of them, shall take and hold the premises and shall dispose of the same and of the rents, Revenues, and Profits thereof or of any of them; onely for defraying the charges that shall be laid out in erecting and fitting the Edifices of the said intended Free-School or Schools as they or the major part of them shall think most expedient, until the said Free-School or Schools shall be actually erected, founded, and established. And upon the Trust and Intention, That as soon as the said Free-School or Schools shall be erected and founded, the said Francis Nicholson and other the Trustees above named, shall from time to time and at all times hereafter apply all such Lands Tenements Rents Annuity's Goods Chattels Profits Incomes or Advowsons whatsoever in Fee-simple or Fee-tail or Personall, or as much as shall not be laid out and disposed upon building the said Free-School or Schools as aforesaid as shall be necessary & expedient. And that when the said Free-School or Schools shall be so erected and established, the said Francis Nicholson and other the Trustees above named or the major part or longest livers of them shall Apply and appropriate to the said School and Maintenance out of the Revenues or Incomes to the said Trustees to the use aforesaid, the sum of One hundred & twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum for the salary support & maintenance of the said first mentioned Free-School, Master Usher & Scribe, and the necessary Repairs and Improvements of the same, as to the