

Not contrary to the Royal Prerogative, nor the Laws of the Land.

Number of Members to be 18 not exceeding 20.

The manner of Electing Rector and continuing his succession.

The perpetuating the succession of Visitor.

The Oath to be taken.

Rector and Visitors to appoint meetings to sit as a Court or Convocation

And may punish disorders in any Master Usher or Scribe.

And displace them

*Provided notwithstanding,* That the said Rules Laws and Orders be no ways contrary to your Majesty's Prerogative Royal, nor to the Laws and Statutes of your Majesty's Kingdom of *England* or Province of *Maryland* aforesaid, or to the Canons and Constitutions of the Church of *England* by Law Established. And that they the said Governours and Visitors and Trustees aforesaid and their Successors, shall forever be Eighteen Men, and not exceeding Twenty in the whole; to be Elected and Constituted in the way and manner hereafter specified; of which one discreet and fit Person that shall be called Rector of the said Free-School and Schools, and that from time to time and in all times coming, the said Rector shall exercise the said Office during one Year (Death and legal Disability excepted) and after till some others of the said Visitors and Governours of the said School and Schools shall be duly elected, preferred and sworn to the said Office. And that from Time to Time and at all Times coming, after the said Year is expired, or after the Death of the said Rector, the Visitors or Governours of the said School or Schools, or the greatest part of them or their Successors, should have Power to Elect and Nominate another discreet and fit Person from amongst themselves, to be Rector of the said Free-School or Schools: And that he who is so elected, preferred and nominated into the place of Rector as aforesaid, shall have Power to have, exercise and enjoy the said Office of Rector for one whole Year (except before excepted) then next ensuing, and thereafter until some other Rector of the said School or Schools shall be duly elected, preferred to and sworn in the said Office. And to perpetuate the Succession of the said Governours, Rectors and Visitors, that as often as one or more of the Governours or Visitors of the said School or Schools shall die, or remove himself and Family out of this Province into any other Country for good and all, that then and so often the Rector, for the time being, and the other Visitors and Governours of the said Free School and Schools then surviving and remaining within the Province, or the major part of them, shall and may have Leave to elect, nominate and choose one or more of the Principal and better sort of the Inhabitants of the said Province, into the Place or Places of the said Visitors and Governours so dead or removed, and so to fill up the number of the Visitors and Governours of the said School and Schools. And that he and they so elected and chosen shall take his and their Corporal Oath before the Rector and other Visitors and Governours as aforesaid, or the Major part of them, well and faithfully to Execute the said Office; which Oath the Rector and two or more of the said Visitors shall have Power to administer; and that after the taking the said Oath he or they shall be of the Number of the said Visitors and Governours of the said School or Schools. And further that the said Rector, for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of three or more of the said Governours and Visitors shall and may from Time to Time, and as often as need shall require and they see convenient, call and convocate the said Governours and Visitors together, to do, consult and consent to such Things as for the Propagation, Good and Benefit of the said Free-School or Schools, shall be Ordained and Established. And that the said Governours and Visitors shall and may hold such their Court or Convocation in such Free-School or such part thereof, as to them shall seem convenient, and shall and may, from Time to Time, punish any Disorder, Breaches, Misdemeanours or Offences of any Master, Usher or Scribe or Scholars, of any such Free-School or Schools, against any Orders, Laws or decrees of the said Governours and Visitors aforesaid; and if they find Cause to alter, displace and turn out any Master, Usher or Scribe of any such School or Schools, and put others in their Steads and Places, as to the said