

*Boothby, John Thompson, and John Bigger*, Gentlemen, or the greatest part, or the Successors of them, upon and in a certain Place of this Province, called *Annapundell-Town* upon *Severn River*, and at such other Place or Places, as by the General Assembly of this Province shall be thought convenient and fitting, to be supported and maintained in all time coming; and that Your Majesty will, for Your Heirs and Successors, grant, and give Leave to the said *Francis Nicholson* Esq; and Trustees aforesaid, or the major part, or longest Livers of them, that they may be enabled to take, hold, and enjoy, and that they may be apt and capable in Law for taking, holding, and enjoying, all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Rectories, Portions, Annuities, Pensions, with all other Inheritances, Franchises, and Possessions 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 Person 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 of them, or the longest Livers of them, shall take and hold the Premises, and shall dispose of the same Rents, Revenues, and Profits thereof, or of any of them only, for the defraying the Charges that shall be laid out in Erecting and Fitting the Edifices of the said 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 Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Goods, Chattels, Profits, Incomes, or Advantages whatsoever, Real or Personal, or as much as shall not be laid out and bestowed upon Building the said Free School or Schools, as aforesaid, as shall be hereafter expressed; 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 the longest Livers of them, shall apply and appropriate to the Use, Benefit, and Maintenance out of the Revenues or Incomes, to the said Trustees, for the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds *Sterling per Annum*, for the Salary, Support, and Maintenance of the said first mentioned Free School, Master, Usher, and Scribe, and the necessary Repairs and Improvements of the same, as to the said *Francis Nicholson*, and Trustees aforesaid, the major part, or Survivors of them, shall seem expedient, from time to time, to ordain in the Premises: And that for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, they the said *Francis Nicholson*, and the Trustees aforesaid, the Survivors, or the major part of them, shall and may be incorporated into a Body Politick, by the Name of the Rectors, Governors, Trustees, and Visitors of the Free Schools of *Maryland*, with full Power to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended, to answer and be answered, in all and every Cause, Complaint, and Action, Real, Personal, or Mixt, of whatsoever kind or nature it shall be, whatsoever Courts and Places of Judicature belonging to Your Majesty, Your Heirs or Successors, or by, from, or under Your Royal Grant or Authority; and that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to Give and Grant Your special Licence, as far as Your Majesty sees expedient, to the said *Francis Nicholson* Esq; and the other Trustees aforesaid, that they, or any of them, or that any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the said Free School or Schools is or are so erected, founded, or established, or before, may have Power to give and grant, assign, and bequeath, all or any Manor, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Portions, Annuities, Pensions, Inheritances, Franchises, or Possessions whatsoever, Spiritual or Temporal, to the Value of Fifteen hundred Pounds *Sterling per Year*, besides all Burthens, Reprisals,