

Reprizals, and Reparations, to them the said *Francis Nicholson*, and others the Governors, Trustees and Visitors of the said Free Schools of *Maryland*, the major part, or Survivors of them incorporate, for the Uses aforesaid, to them and their Successors for ever: And further, That the said *Francis Nicholson*, and other the Governors, Trustees and Visitors aforesaid, the longest Livers and Successors of them, be the true, sole and undoubted Visitors, Trustees, and Governors of the said Free School or Schools in perpetual Succession for ever, to be continued in the Way and Manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute Power, Liberty, and Authority, in making and ordaining such Laws, Orders, and Rules, for the good Government of the said Free School or Schools, as to them the said Trustees, Governors and Visitors aforesaid, and their Successors, shall, from time to time, according to the various Occasions and Circumstances, seem most fit and requisite; all which shall be observed by the Master, Usher, Tutors, and Scholars of the said School upon the Penalties therein contained: 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 Governors and Visitors, and Trustees aforesaid, and their Successors, shall for ever 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 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 whole Year (Death and legal Disability excepted) and after, till some others of the said Visitors and Governors 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 Governors 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 among 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 Governors, Rectors and Visitors, that as often as One or more of the Governors 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 Governors 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 chuse One or more of the principal and better sort of the Inhabitants of the said Province into the Place and Places of the said Visitors and Governors so dead or removed, and so to fill up the Number of the Visitors and Governors 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 Governors, 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 Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors and Visitors together, to do, consult, and consent