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FREE SCHOOLS.

If the Minister be removed, he shall deliver the Library to the Vestry, and make Satisfaction for any Damage;

Except by Fire, &c.

And in case of the Death of the Minister, the Vestry to take the Library into their Custody, and be answerable for the same.

The Governour empowered to appoint Visitors to inspect the Libraries.

V. And in case any Minister, having the Charge of such Library, shall be removed from his Charge, he shall deliver the said Library to the Vestry of the said Parish, and make Satisfaction or Reparation, if any Damage or Waste suffered, before his Departure out of the said Parish, (except by Fire or such unavoidable Accident) or in case of the Death of any such Minister, having the Charge of such Library, the Vestry of such Parish shall immediately take the said Library into their Custody and Keeping, and pass their Receipt for the same as above directed, and shall in all Points be answerable for the same, except by Fire or such like Accident aforesaid.

VI. And for the better preserving and securing the said Libraries, it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency the Governour of this Province for the Time being, to appoint one or more Visitors of the said Libraries within this Province, to report the true Estate of them to his Excellency the Governour and Council, that they may make Orders to cause every One concerned about the said Libraries, to do their Duties to the effectual preserving of them.

At an Assembly begun
September the 5th, 1704.

N^o 14.*A Petitionary Act for Free Schools.*

To His most Excellent Majesty.

Dread Sovereign,

A Petitionary Act for Free Schools.

I. **F**rom the Sincerity of our humble and loyal Hearts, we offer to your Sacred Person our most dutiful and sincere Thanks for your Royal Care and Protection to us, for your Majesty's Princely Zeal and pious Care of our Mother the Church of *England*, and extending your Royal Benediction to our Neighbouring Colony, your Majesty's Subjects and Territory of *Virginia*, in your gracious Grant and Charter for the Propagation of the College or Place of universal Study in that your Majesty's said Colony; in humble Contemplation whereof, and being excited by his present Excellency *Francis Nicholson*, Esq; your Majesty's Governour of this your Province, his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, pious Endeavours and generous Offers for the Propagation of Christianity and good Learning herein, We become humble Suitors to your most Sacred Majesty, to extend your Royal Grace and Favour to us your Majesty's Subjects of this