

FREE SCHOOLS.

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Province, represented in this your Majesty's General Assembly thereof, That it may be Enacted; And may it be Enacted by the King's 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 *Latin, 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 and established under your Royal Patronage. And that the most Reverend Father in God, *Thomas*, by divine Providence, Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, Primate and 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*, and managed by certain Trustees, to be chosen and 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*, Baronet, Colonel *George Robertson*, Colonel *Charles Hutchins*, Colonel *John Addison*, of your Majesty's most Honourable Council of this Province; the Reverend Mr. *Peregrine Cony* and Mr. *John Havit*, together with *Robert Smith*, *Kenelm Cheseldyn*, *Henry Coursey*, *Edward Dorsey*, *Thomas Ennalls*, *Thomas Taskers*, *Francis Jenkins*, *William Dent*, *Thomas Smith*, *Edward 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 *Ann-Arundel Town*, upon *Severne 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 abovesaid, or the major part, or the 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 Manours, 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 Appointments of the same, or of any of them, or of any other Goods whatsoever, with the express Intention and Trust put in them, That the said *Francis Nicholson*, and other the Trustees aforesaid, or the major part, or the longest Livers of them, shall take and hold the Premises, and shall dispose of the

For educating Youth
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Writing, &c. to
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&c.

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stees, (to wit)

At Ann-Arundel
Town, &c.

Trustees to be capable
of inheriting and
holding Gifts.