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## FREE SCHOOLS.

*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.**And shall have a Common Seal.**Which they may break, change or renew.*

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 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 Rectors, Governours and Visitors of the said School or Schools, or the major part of them, shall seem convenient and fitting. And also, that the said Rectors, Governours and Visitors of the said Free School or Schools, and their Successors, shall have one Common Seal, which they may make use of in whatsoever Cause and Business belonging to them and their Successors, relating to the said Office of Rector, Governours and Visitors of the said Free School and Schools: and that the said Governours and Visitors may have Leave to break, change and renew their said Seal from Time to Time at their Pleasure, as they shall see most expedient. And further, that it may please your Majesty to grant to the said Rector, Governours and Visitors aforesaid, of the said Free School or Schools aforesaid, That as soon as they shall be enabled by any Gifts, Grants, Pensions, Donations or Incomes of any Manours, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate whatsoever, Real or Personal, exceeding the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds *per* Year, allotted and allowed for Support and Reparations of the first Free School at *Severne* as aforesaid;