

Colony, your Majesty's Subjects and Territory of *Virginia*, in your Gracious Grant and Charter for the Propagation of the Colledge 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 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 General Assembly, (that is to say) by your Majesty's said Governour *Francis Nicholson*, Esq; the Honourable Sir *Thomas Lawrence*, Bart. Coll. *George Robothom*, Coll. *Charles Hutchings*, Coll. *John Addison*, of your Majesty's most honourable Council of this Province; the Reverend Mr. *Peregrine Cony*, and Mr. *John Harvit*, together with *Robert Smith*, *Kenelm Cheseldyn*, *Henry Cowsey*, *Edward Dorsey*, *Thomas Ennalls*, *Thomas Tasker*, *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 *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 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 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, Chattles, 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 aforeaid, or the major Part, or the longest Livers of them, shall take

For Educating Youth in Latin, Greek, Writing, &c. to consist of one Master, &c.

And be called King William's School, and managed by Trustees, to wit,

At Ann-Arundel Town, &c.

Trustees to be capable of Inheriting and holding Gifts.