

upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honours of the college, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular religious worship or service, other than what they have been educated in, or have the consent and approbation of their parents or guardians to attend; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a principal, vice-principal, or other professor, master or tutor, on account of his particular religious profession, having regard solely to his moral character and literary abilities, and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he shall be chosen.

2. There shall be a subscription on the western shore, and for every 1000l. current money subscribed and paid to the treasurer of the western shore, by any class of subscribers, they shall be entitled to the choice of one person as a visitor and governor of said college.

3. When any of the first visitors and governors chosen shall die, or remove out of the state, or absent himself from four succeeding quarterly meetings, without reasonable excuse, to a quorum of the said visitors, &c. duly assembled at a quarterly visitation of the said college, such quorum, shall proceed by a new election, to fill up the place and seat of such deceased, removed, or absenting member.—1784, c. 37, § 2.

2, 3. Agents appointed for soliciting and receiving subscriptions and contributions; and all persons having contributed 9l. or upwards, shall be entitled to vote for one person as a visitor and governor, according as he may be classed, but shall not be entitled to vote for another visitor and governor among any other class of subscribers, unless he made a second subscription of 9l. or upwards in the said class.—*ibid.* § 3.

4. When 13 visitors and governors shall be chosen, notice shall be given in the news-papers, appointing a time for the said visitors and governors to meet and take upon them the discharge of their trust; and they, and such persons as may be added to their number by any new elections, and their successors, shall be one community, corporation and body politic, to have continuance for ever, by the name of "The Visitors and Governors of Saint John's college in the state of Maryland," to have perpetual succession; but the number of visitors and governors, shall never at any time be more than 24, nor less than 13, seven of whom, shall always have their residence within 16 miles of the said college, and 17 shall be resident on the western shore, and the additional number chosen from any part of this state.—*ibid.* § 4. (See below, Art. 20.)

5. A grant from the general assembly of four acres of land within the city of Annapolis, conveyed by Stephen Bordley, to Thomas Bladen, governor, to hold the same with the appurtenances, to the said visitors, &c. and their successors, for the use of said college for ever.—*ibid.* § 7.

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