

C H A P.  
XVII.

in God Thomas, by Divine Providence lord archbishop 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 governor, Francis Nicholson, Esquire, the honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence, baronet, colonel George Robotham; colonel Charles Hutchins, colonel John Addison, of your majesty's honourable council of this province; the reverend divine, Mr. Peregrine Cony, and Mr. John Hewett, together with Robert Smith, Kenelm Cheseldyne, Henry Coursey, Edward Dorsey, Thomas Ennals, 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 Anne-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, Esquire, and trustees abovesaid, or the major part or 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, 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 appointment of the same, or any of them, or of any other goods whatsoever, with this express intention and trust put in them, that the said Francis Nicholson, and other the trustees abovesaid, or the major part or the longest livers of them, shall take and hold the premises, and shall dispose of the same, and of the rents, revenues and profits thereof, or of any of them, only for the defraying the charges that shall be laid out in erecting and fitting the edifices of the said free-school or schools; as they, or the major part of them, shall think most expedient, until the said free-school or schools shall be actually erected, founded and established; and upon the trust and intention, that as soon as the said free-school or schools shall be erected and founded, the said Francis Nicholson, and other the trustees above named, shall, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, apply all lands, tenements, rents, annuities, goods, chattels, profits, incomes, or advantages whatsoever, real or personal, or as much as shall not be laid out and bestowed upon building the said free-school or schools as abovesaid, as shall be hereafter expressed.

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to be applied.

III. AND, That when the said free-school or schools shall be so erected and established, the said Francis Nicholson, and other the trustees above named, or the major part or the longest livers of them, shall apply and appropriate to the use, benefit and maintenance, out of the revenues or incomes to the said trustees for the use abovesaid, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds sterling *per annum*, for the salary, support and maintenance of the said first-mentioned free-school, master, usher and scribe, and the necessary repairs and improvements of the same, as to the said Francis Nicholson, and trustees abovesaid, the major part or survivors of them, shall seem expedient from time to time to ordain in the premises.

Trustees in-  
corporated.

IV. AND, That for the uses and purposes abovesaid, they the said Francis Nicholson, and the trustees abovesaid, the survivors, or the major part of them, shall, and may be incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Rectors, Governors, Trustees and Visitors of the Free-Schools of Maryland; with full power to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended, to answer and be answered, in all and every cause, complaint and action, real, personal or mixt, of whatsoever kind or nature it shall be, whatsoever courts and places of judicature belonging to your majesty, your heirs or successors, or by, from, or under your royal grant or authority.

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V. AND, That your majesty will be graciously pleased to give and grant your special licence, as far as your majesty see expedient, to the said Francis Nicholson, Esquire, and the other trustees abovesaid, that they, or any of them, or that any person or persons whatsoever, after the said free-school or schools is or are so erected, founded and established, or before, may have power to give and grant, assign and bequeath all or any manor, lands, tenements, rents, services, portions, annuities, pensions, inheritances, franchises and possessions whatsoever, spiritual or temporal, to the value of fifteen hundred pounds sterling per year, besides all burthens, reprisals and reparations, to them the said Francis Nicholson, and others the governors, trustees, and visitors of the said free-schools of Maryland, the major part or survivors of them incorporate, for the uses abovesaid, to them and their successors for ever.

VI. AND