

C H A P.
XVII.

leave to break, change and renew their said seal, from time to time, at their pleasure, as they shall see most expedient.

Their power
and duty.

XII. AND FURTHER, That it may please your majesty to grant to the said rector, governors 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 manors, 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 Severn, as aforesaid; that then, as they shall be enabled, as aforesaid, the said rector, governors and visitors, shall proceed to erect, found and build, one other free-school at the town of Oxford, on the eastern shore of this province, in Talbot county, or in such other place of the same county as to the said rector, governors and visitors aforesaid, shall seem most expedient. And, after the same shall be built, founded and established, to appropriate and apply to the said second free-school (out of the treasure accruing to them for the benefit and advantage of free-schools aforesaid, over and above the one hundred and twenty pounds per year, allowed as aforesaid, to the first free-school) the like sum of one hundred and twenty pounds per year, for the benefit, advantage and support of such second free-school, and shall and may place a master, usher, and scribe therein, as in the other first free-school, as aforesaid; and shall, in all respects, be under the same benefits, privileges, injunctions and restrictions, as the said first free-school.

Other schools
to be erected.

XIII. AND ALSO, After the said second free-school is built, erected, founded and furnished, the said rector, governors and visitors, shall as fast as they shall be enabled as aforesaid, proceed to the erecting other and more free-schools in this province; that is to say, in every county of this province at present, one free-school. And shall and may be empowered to establish, constitute, enjoin and restrain, to and under the same benefits, advantages, instructions and restrictions as aforesaid, and appropriate and apply such and so much of the said revenue, not before disposed or ordained to each free-school, as to them shall seem most convenient and expedient, not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds *per annum*, as aforesaid.

An act repeal-
ed.

XIV. AND BE IT HEREBY ENACTED, *by the authority aforesaid*, That a (a) supplementary act for free-schools, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of St. Mary's, the twenty-first day of September, 1694, be and is hereby utterly repealed and made void.

(a) Thus it stands in the record. This act is declared to be in force by 1704, ch. 80.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 9th of
July, 1696.

An ACT for the service of Almighty God, and the establishment of the protestant religion within this province. Lib. LL. No. 2. fol. 125. Dissent.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the PORT of ANNAPOLIS, on the 16th day of September, in the 8th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King WILLIAM the Third, &c. *annoque domini* 1696, and ended the 2d day of October following, were enacted the following laws.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. XIX.

A Supplicatory act about the commissary's office.

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An ACT for securing the parochial libraries of this province. Repealed 1699, ch. 34.

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