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Mackall; For Baltimore county, the reverend Mr. William Tibbs, colonel John Dorsey; Mr. John Israel, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Tolley, Mr. John Stokes, and Mr. Thomas Sheredine; For Charles county, the reverend Mr. William Maconchie, Mr. Gustavus Brown, Mr. George Dent, captain Joseph Harrison, Mr. Robert Hanson, Mr. Samuel Hanson, and Mr. Randal Morris; For Talbot county, the reverend Mr. Henry Nicholls, colonel Matthew Tilghman Ward, Robert Ungle, Esquire, Mr. Robert Goldsborough, Mr. William Clayton, Mr. John Oldham, and Mr. Thomas Bozman; For Somerset county, the reverend Mr. Alexander Adams, the reverend Mr. James Robertson, Mr. Joseph Gray, Mr. Robert Martin, William Stoughton, Esquire, Mr. Robert King, and Mr. Levin Gale; For Dorchester county, the reverend Mr. Thomas Howell, colonel Roger Woolford, major Henry Ennalls, captain John Rider, captain Henry Hooper, captain John Hudson, and Mr. Govert Lockerman; For Cecil county, colonel John Ward, major John Dowdall, colonel Benjamin Pearce, Mr. Stephen Knight, Mr. Edward Jackson, Mr. Richard Thompson, and Mr. Thomas Johnson, junior; For Prince-George's county, the honourable Charles Calvert, Esquire, governor, the reverend Mr. Jacob Henderson, Mr. Robert Tyler, colonel Joseph Belt, Mr. Thomas Grant, Mr. George Noble, and colonel John Bradford; For Queen-Anne's county, the reverend Mr. Christopher Wilkinon, Philemon Lloyd, Esquire, Richard Tilghman, Esquire, Mr. James Earle, senior, Mr. William Turbutt, Mr. Augustine Thompson, and Mr. Edward Wright; the which persons, so nominated, appointed, authorized and named, for the several and respective counties as aforesaid, or the major part of them, in case of death or absence of any, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place within their county as to them shall seem meet, to qualify themselves for the office of visitors of their county schools; which they are to do by taking the several oaths appointed by act of assembly, and signing the oath of abjuration, and the test, according to the directions thereof, and also taking an oath for the discharge of the several duties and trusts reposed in them, in the words following, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me, as a visitor of — county school, according to the best of my skill and cunning; So help me God;" The which oaths are to be administered by any of the four persons last named for the county to the person first named, or in his absence, to any one of the three persons first named that shall be present, the which person being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths aforesaid to all the rest, and so successively, the persons first named that shall be present shall always administer the said oaths to any that have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen, pursuant to the direction of this act, to supply the place of any that shall be dead, or removed out of the county; and the aforesaid persons, or the major part of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as visitors of the school of their said county, and as such, are hereby invested with full power and authority, as a body politic, 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, in any of the courts and places of judicature within this province, and that they, or any of them, or any other person or persons whatsoever, either before or after such school shall be erected, founded and established, in any county as aforesaid, have full power to give and grant, assign and bequeath, all or any manors, lands, tenements, rents, services, portions, annuities, pensions, inheritances, franchises and possessions whatsoever, spiritual or temporal, to the value of one hundred pounds sterling *per annum*, (besides all burthens, reprisals and reparations,) to them the said visitors, or the major part or survivors of them incorporate, for such county school, to them and their successors forever.

To have perpetual succession, &c.

IV. AND, further, That the said persons so incorporate, the longest livers and successors of them, shall be the true, sole and undoubted visitors of such schools in perpetual succession for ever, to be continued in the way and manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute power, liberty and authority, in making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the good government of the said schools, as to them the said visitors, and their successors, shall, from time to time, according to their various occasions and circumstances, seem to them most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the master, usher, tutor and scholars of the said school, upon the penalties therein contained.

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V. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said rules, laws and orders, be no wise contrary to the royal prerogative, nor to the laws and statutes of England, and acts of assembly of this province, or to the canons and constitutions of the church of England by law established.

How vacancies are to be filled.

VI. AND, for the perpetuating the succession of the afore-mentioned number of seven visitors to each school as aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That as often as any one or more of the visitors of any of the aforesaid schools shall die, or remove himself and family out of the province, or into any other county to reside, that then, and so often, the visitors for the