

continuance for ever, by the name of The Visitors and Governors of Saint-John's College, in the State of Maryland; and by the same name they shall have perpetual succession; provided nevertheless, that the whole number of visitors and governors of the said college shall never at any time be more than twenty-four, nor less than thirteen, seven of whom shall always have their usual residence within fifteen miles of the said college; and provided further, that if in three years from the first day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, there shall not be twenty-four visitors and governors chosen as aforesaid by classes of subscribers of one thousand pounds current money each class, the other visitors and governors, being not less than eleven, duly assembled at any quarterly visitation, to be held according to the tenor of this act, shall proceed by election to fill up the number of twenty-four visitors and governors, as they shall think most expedient and convenient; provided always, that seventeen of the said visitors and governors shall be resident on the western shore of this state, but that the additional visitors and governors (to make up and perpetuate the number of twenty-four,) may be chosen from any part of this state, if they are such persons as can reasonably undertake to attend the quarterly visitations, and are thought capable, by their particular learning, weight and character, to advance the interest and reputation of the said seminary.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said thirteen or more visitors and governors shall have full power and authority to call for and receive, out of the hands of the treasurer of the western shore, all such subscription papers and monies as may have been deposited with him, or may in anywise have come into his hands and keeping, for the founding and carrying on the said college, and to appoint their own treasurer, who shall give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of his trust, and shall thereafter have the care and custody of all subscription papers, and sum or sums of money that may be collected thereon, and the receiving and keeping of all outstanding subscriptions, and other monies that may be put into his hands, for the use of the said college, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of the same.

Visitors may call for subscription papers, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said thirteen or more visitors and governors shall, at their first meeting after the first day of June next, and before the first day of August, if so many visitors and governors should then be chosen according to the tenor of this act, fix and determine upon some proper place or situation on the said western shore for erecting the said college, which determination shall be by a majority of the whole number of visitors and governors so met, such number being in the whole not less than thirteen; and if such majority shall not, within the time aforesaid, agree upon any one place or situation for the said college, it shall be left for the general assembly of this state, at their first ensuing session, to determine upon the place for building the said college, upon the application of any three or more of the said visitors and governors, setting forth, that they could not agree upon the premises; and a complete list of the subscriptions for founding the said college shall, at the same time, be laid before the general assembly; but if, on or before the first day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, there should not be a sufficient number of subscribers for electing and completing the whole of the said thirteen visitors and governors as aforesaid, the number of visitors and governors that shall be chosen on or before the said first day of June, if they are seven or more, may fix and determine upon the place for erecting the said college, provided seven of them shall agree upon any one place; and if they cannot so agree, they may either leave the same to the determination of the general assembly as aforesaid, or they may call to their advice the six agents above named; and any four of the said agents that can attend, with the seven or more visitors and governors so chosen, may either together, by seven on the whole agreeing, fix and determine upon the place for building the said college, as they shall judge most convenient and satisfactory to the majority of subscribers, and best calculated to secure the success of the design, or if they cannot so agree, the determination of the place shall be still left to the general assembly, at their first session ensuing the said first day of June next; in the mean-time the said agents, and the visitors and governors so chosen, shall use all diligence to increase the number of subscriptions.

Fix on a place, &c.

By 1785, ch. 2, section 2, any seven or more visitors and governors, if chosen on or before the first of March, (then next,) together with any four or more of the agents, were authorized to do all such acts, &c. as might have been done if seven or more visitors, &c. had been chosen on or before the 1st day of June, 1785; and by section 3d thereof, any nine visitors, &c. were authorized to do such acts, &c. as thirteen might have done if chosen before the said first day of June.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the city of Annapolis should be fixed upon as a proper place for establishing the said intended college, this general assembly give and grant, and upon that condition do hereby give and grant, to the visitors and governors of the said college, by the name of The Visitors and Governors of Saint-John's College, in the State of Maryland, and their successors, all that four acres within the city of Annapolis, purchased for the use of the public, and conveyed on the second day of October, seventeen hundred and forty-four, by Stephen Bordley, Esquire, to Thomas Bladen, Esquire, then governor, to have, and to hold the said four acres of land, with the appertences,

Land granted on condition, &c.