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not, however, in any courts of law, or by the general assembly, be deemed, taken, interpreted, or adjudged, into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act of incorporation, but the same shall be and remain unhurt, inviolate and entire, unto the said corporation of visitors and governors, in perpetual succession; and all their acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof, shall be and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Charter avail-
able, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this charter and act of incorporation, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favourably on the behalf, and for the best benefit and behoof, of the said visitors and governors; and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science and virtue.

Visitors to take
an oath, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall act as visitor and governor, or as principal or vice-principal, or as professor, in the said college, before he shall take the oath of fidelity and support to this state required by the constitution or by the laws of this state.

Donation
granted, &c.

XIX. AND, to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of the said college on the western shore, BE IT ENACTED, That the sum of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds current money, be annually and for ever hereafter given and granted, as a donation by the public, to the use of the said college on the western shore, to be applied by the visitors and governors of the said college to the payment of salaries to the principal, professors and tutors, of the said college.

By 1785, ch. 5, a majority of nine or more visitors might draw on the treasurer for a part or the whole of such annual donation, to be applied, in aid of the subscriptions, towards the erection of buildings, &c.

Marriage li-
cences.

XX. AND, as a certain and permanent fund to procure the said sum of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds current money annually, for the use aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That the sum of twenty-five shillings current money, imposed by the act, (a) entitled, An act concerning marriages, for every marriage licence, and hereafter to be received by the clerks of any of the counties of the western shore, and paid by them to the treasurer of the said shore, agreeably to the directions of the said act, shall remain in his hands, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of the said college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act.

(a) February, 1777, ch. 12.

Fines, &c.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every fine, penalty or forfeiture, for any offence (except only for treason,) at common law, or by any act of assembly now in force, or hereafter to be made, and hereafter imposed by the general court on the western shore, or by any county court of that shore, or any judge or justice of either court, and every recognizance taken by the general or any county court on the western shore, or any judge or justice of either of the said courts, and hereafter forfeited in the said general court or county court, and collected or received, shall be paid to the treasurer of the western shore, and shall remain in hands, subject to the order of the visitors and governors of the said college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act.

Ordinary li-
cences.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the regulations and provisions made in the act of assembly, (b) entitled, An act for licensing and regulating ordinary-keepers, passed at March session, seventeen hundred and eighty, (except such parts of the said act as relate to the retailing of liquors by merchants or storekeepers, or at horse-races.) shall be and remain in full force for ever, as to the granting licences on the western shore, (except in the city of Annapolis and the precincts thereof;) and the money hereafter collected for ordinary licences granted on the western shore, and paid to the treasurer of the said shore, shall remain in his hands, subject to the orders of the visitors and governors of the said college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act.

(b) March, 1780, ch. 24.

Hawkers, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person carrying goods, wares or merchandises, for sale, from place to place, shall be deemed a hawker or pedler, after the first day of April next shall, before they trade, barter or sell, any goods, wares or merchandise, on the western shore, take out a licence from some county court of the said shore, which shall be renewed every year; and the said county courts are hereby authorized and required, on application of any person of reputation, to grant licence to such person to travel and trade as a hawker or pedler on the western shore, for one year