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Number may
be increased,
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firous by all lawful ways and means to encourage and promote knowledge within this state, on which liberty and public happiness so much depends; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees of the said academy shall and may, at their next half-yearly meetings, increase the number of trustees for the said academy to the number of eighteen, by an election or appointment of such persons as shall appear to them most proper, from the counties of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, in this state, Accomack and Northampton in the state of Virginia, and Sussex county in the state of Delaware; and that the said trustees and their successors shall and may, at all times hereafter, fill up any vacancies that may be, by an election of a person or persons from any of the counties aforesaid.

Trustees to
qualify, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who may be elected in pursuance of this act shall qualify in the same manner, and on such qualifications have and be invested with all the powers and authority which the present trustees have and are invested with by the said act for incorporating the managers of Back creek school.

Not to be dis-
qualified, &c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no trustee of the said academy shall hereafter be disqualified on account of removal, unless he shall remove to some place not within any of the counties aforesaid, and that if any of the present trustees, or any that shall hereafter be elected a trustee, shall remove to any place not within the counties aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, at their next half yearly meeting, to elect and choose some person within the counties aforesaid in the room and place of such trustee removed as aforesaid.

Eight may act.

VI. AND, whereas it may be at some times inconvenient for a majority of the eighteen trustees to meet for transacting the business of the said academy, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That after the next half yearly meeting of the said trustees, any eight or more of the said trustees shall be and are hereby declared to be a quorum, and are hereby empowered to meet at the said academy, from time to time, and they so met, may do any act, matter or thing, which a majority of the eighteen trustees might do, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 22d of
Jan. 1785.

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An ACT to limit the time for bringing and settling claims against this state. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 523.

Another act 1785, ch. 10.

Time for
settling claims,
&c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all claims upon this state by any citizen thereof, which have arisen before the tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, shall be brought in, liquidated and settled, on or before the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and no claim against the state by any citizen thereof, which did arise on any account or transaction whatsoever before the said tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, shall, after the said tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, (a) be passed or settled by the auditor or intendant, or paid by this state, unless the person having such claim is or shall be an infant, non compos mentis, or feme covert, or be out of this state, in which cases one year shall be allowed to such persons respectively after the disability removed, or the person so being out of the state returns, to bring in and settle such claim.

(a) By 1785, ch. 10, the time is extended for citizens of this state to the first of June, 1786, (except claims for the depreciation and pay of the army previous to the first of August, 1780,) and for citizens of any other state to 1st of December, 1786.

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A Supplement to the act (b) for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 524.

(b) November, 1783, ch. 23.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary to ascertain with precision the tolls to be received by the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, and to adjust them in such manner as that they may be proportionate to the comparative value of the commodities which shall be transported through the said canal: And whereas the said corporation have already made a considerable progress in the said undertaking, and are prosecuting the same with great activity, and this assembly being willing and desirous to give every proper encouragement to induce them to continue their exertions, from a firm conviction that the accomplishment thereof will extend the commerce of the state, and be of general utility and advantage;