

C H A P. XXIII.

hereby constituted trustees, with full power and authority to sell and dispose of the said school-house, and the lands thereto appertinent, together with all the property which now belongs to the same, to the best advantage; the said property to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, on a credit not exceeding eighteen months from the day of sale, the said trustees giving four weeks public notice of the time and place of sale; and the money arising on the sale thereof, after paying off the creditors of the said school, provided their claims shall be legally authenticated, to apply to the purchase of a quantity of land, not exceeding one hundred acres, in some healthy situation, most convenient to the counties of Somerset and Worcester, and thereon to erect a school-house, and such other buildings as may be deemed necessary by the said trustees, or a majority of them,

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, by the names of The Trustees of Eden School, having first taken the usual oaths to government, and an oath to discharge their duty as trustees to said school, shall be, to all intents and purposes, a body politic, to sue and be sued, plead or be impleaded, in any cause or action whatever in any court of law or equity within this state; and the said trustees, and their successors, for ever, in their corporate capacity aforesaid, are hereby authorized to hold and occupy, for the use and benefit of said school, any property, whether real or personal, not exceeding the value of ten thousand pounds current money of Maryland.

To be a body politic, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make and ordain such by-laws and ordinances for the government and regulation of the said school as by them shall be deemed requisite, which rules and regulations shall be observed by the masters, ushers, tutors and scholars, of the said school.

And make by-laws, &c.

V. AND in order to perpetuate the succession of the said trustees, BE IT ENACTED, That as often as any one or more of the said trustees shall resign, die, or remove out of the said counties of Somerset and Worcester, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, shall, at their next stated meeting, before they proceed to other business, elect a suitable person to fill such vacancy, residing in the county in which such vacancy shall happen, who shall, before he proceeds to act as trustee for said school, qualify in manner aforesaid.

How vacancies are to be filled.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to receive and recover all monies due to the said school in the hands of the former visitors, or any of them, or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, or any other person or persons, and the same to apply to the use of the said school.

Trustees may receive monies, &c.

VII. PROVIDED, That nothing in this act shall compel the said trustees, or a majority of them, to sell the said school and lands, unless the said trustees, or a majority of them, should be of opinion that a removal of the said school would be of public utility to the said counties of Somerset and Worcester.

Proviso.

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An ACT for recording a patent therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 460. A Private Act.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1796.

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An ACT to empower the justices of the levy court of Charles county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 461.

WHEREAS Jane Lindsay, of Charles county, by her petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that her son John Lindsay has for many years been sorely afflicted with a rheumatic affection of his limbs, and thereby is rendered unable to provide any support either by labour or otherwise, and that she, from her indigent circumstances, together with a family of infant children to support, is entirely unable to contribute in any degree to his maintenance, and praying that some provision may be made for the support and maintenance of her said son; and the facts appearing to this general assembly to be true,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the peace of Charles county, at their levy court, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed and required, annually to assess, (so long as they shall see cause,) on the assessable property of said county, a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds current money for any one year; which said sum, so levied

Justices to levy money, &c.