

An A C T to incorporate the managers of Back-Creek school.

W H E R E A S fundry of the inhabitants of Somerset county, by their humble petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that at their own cost and charge they have erected large, elegant and commodious buildings, on Back-Creek, for a school, sufficient for the comfortable accommodation of eighty students, which has been already carried on, to the great improvement of the youth of this and the adjoining states; and, to render it still more extensively useful, and fix it upon a foundation which may have greater stability,

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs Jacob Keer, Levin Gale, David Wilson, Samuel Wilson, John Winder, Henry Jackson, Thomas Maddux, William Polk, Isaac Henry, Henry Waggamon, and William Strawbridge, are hereby appointed trustees of the said school, by the name of trustees of the Washington academy, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority for discharging the duty and trust reposed in them by this act; which persons, appointed, authorized and named aforesaid, or the major part of them, in case of the death or absence of any one, are hereby required, as soon as may be convenient, to meet at the academy aforesaid, within said county, and qualify themselves for the office of trustees, which they are to do, by taking the several oaths to government appointed by the constitution and laws of this state, and also taking the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will truly and faithfully discharge the trust committed to me, as trustee of the Washington academy, to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God." Which oaths are to be administered by any of the four persons last named, to the person first named, or in his absence to any one of the three persons first named; that shall be there present; the which person, being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths aforesaid to all the rest, and so successively; the person 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 directions of this act, to supply the place of any that shall be dead or removed out of the county, or of any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and act as a trustee, when elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act; and the aforesaid persons, or major part of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as trustees of the Washington academy, and, as such, they and their successors 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, by the name of the trustees of the Washington academy, 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 of judicature within this state; and by that name they and any of them, and their successors, shall, and they are hereby enabled to take, hold, possess, and enjoy, any gift, donation, or present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised, or bequeathed, by any person or persons whatsoever, to them or any of them, for or toward the support or maintenance of the academy aforesaid, or any gifts or devises of land, not exceeding in the whole

Names of the trustees, &c.