

into the several counties, for obtaining subscriptions towards founding and supporting the said college. Secondly, If the visitors of any county school on the said eastern shore, for the more effectual advancement of useful knowledge, and the better promoting the good purposes for which such county schools were originally founded, shall be desirous to engraft and consolidate the funds and estate of such county school, or any part or parts of the same, with the funds and estate of the said intended college, the visitors of Kent county school, for and during the term of five years next after passing this act (unless the said college is sooner established agreeable to the tenor hereof) and the visitors or governors of the college, at any time after the same shall be so established, shall have full power and authority to treat and agree with the visitors of such county school, and to allow one visitor and governor of the college to be for ever chosen from among the inhabitants of such county, every five hundred pounds which any such county schools may contribute towards founding and supporting the said college, the first choice to be in the visitors of such county school; or in consideration of the said five hundred pounds contribution, or if any sum or estate of greater or less value, that may be thus given by any county school towards the said college, any other privileges and advantages, in respect to the education of the youth of such county in the college, may be fixed and agreed upon, as shall be judged reasonable between the visitors and governors of the college and the visitors of such county school, instead of fixing any visitor and governor to be for ever chosen from the said county; and all contracts and agreements, truly and fairly made for founding and supporting the said college, as above set forth, shall be good and effectual in law, according to the plain intent and the true and legal construction of the same; provided always, that the whole number of visitors and governors of the said college shall never be more than twenty-four at one time, nor under seventeen, and that not less than seven of them shall have their usual residence in Kent county, and within seven miles of the town of Chester aforesaid. Thirdly, When any of the first visitors and governors of the said college, chosen as aforesaid on the part of any county, or any of the visitors and governors in general, shall die or remove out of the county for which he was chosen, or absent himself from four succeeding quarterly meetings, without such excuse or plea of necessary absence as shall be deemed reasonable by a legal and just quorum of the said visitors and governors duly assembled at a quarterly visitation of the said college, such quorum, so assembled, shall proceed by a new election to fill up the seat and place of such deceased, removed, or absenting member, having special regard that, in the room of a deceased, removed, or absenting visitor and governor from any particular county, another of the same county be always chosen in his room and stead.

III. And be it enacted, That when ten visitors and governors of the said intended college shall be chosen as aforesaid, in addition to the visitors of Kent county school for the time being, and when the said seventeen visitors and governors shall, by an instrument of writing under their hands to the general assembly of this state directed and duly delivered, declare that they are willing and desirous to take upon them and to discharge the trust of visitors and governors of the said intended college, and that an estate, or sum and sums of money not less than five thousand pounds current money, or the just value thereof (including the

When the college is to be incorporated, &c.