

education of their youth, and have accordingly made considerable progress in this good work, as well by sundry laws for the establishment of county schools, as by the particular grant of a sum of money, to be appropriated to the sole purpose of erecting and endowing a college or general seminary for the state: And whereas, in pursuance of the act for founding a college at Chester, very large sums of money have been raised by private contributors on the eastern shore, and applied towards building and carrying on said college; and the legislature having heretofore unanimously resolved, that such exertions for the public good merited the approbation of the legislature, and ought to receive the public encouragement and assistance; and the visitors and governors of the said college have, by their memorial to this general assembly, set forth, that the sum of ten thousand pounds, which they have, as aforesaid, procured and raised for carrying on the said college, will not be more than sufficient to furnish and prepare the building for the reception of the masters and scholars, and for purchasing a library, and the necessary apparatus, mathematical and philosophical; and that a permanent yearly fund, in addition to the tuition money to be paid by the scholars, will be necessary for the payment of salaries to a principal and a sufficient number of able professors and tutors, and have accordingly prayed, that this general assembly would take the premises into their consideration, and grant them such permanent aid as they in their wisdom may think proper: Now this general assembly are desirous, as far as the public circumstances will permit, to encourage a seminary so successfully begun, and intended to be for ever dedicated and carried on by the name of "Washington college," in honourable and perpetual memory of the late illustrious and virtuous commander in chief of our armies; Therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sum of twelve 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 Washington college, 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. Donation granted, &c.

III. *And, as a certain and permanent fund, to procure the said sum of twelve 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, entitled, An act concerning marriages, for every marriage licence, and hereafter to be received by the clerks of any of the counties of the eastern 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 orders of the visitors and governors of the said college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act. Marriage licences.

IV. *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 eastern 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 eastern 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 eastern shore, and shall remain in his hands, subject to the orders of the visitors and governors of Washington college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act. Fines, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That the regulations and provisions made in the act of assembly, entitled, An act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, Ordinary licences.