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which special meetings shall likewise be held alternately in each college; and in the absence of the chancellor, the vice-chancellor shall preside in his stead; and likewise when the chancellor shall be present, the vice-chancellor shall, by his directions, preside in all scholastic exercises and examinations, and in conferring the literary honours of the university; and in the absence of the vice-chancellor, his place shall be supplied by such member of the faculty of either college, as the laws in that case to be made shall provide, or by the election of a vice-chancellor for that time.

Account to be
laid before as-
sembly, &c.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That the visitors and governors of the said college shall lay before the general assembly, at its annual meeting in November, (or oftener if required) an account in writing of all monies by them received in virtue of this act, and of the salaries by them paid out of the said monies, and to whom paid; and after payment of the said sum of seventeen hundred and fifty pounds current money, the balance (if any) shall remain in the treasury, subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

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An A C T for the relief of Robert Long, of Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Robert Long, of Baltimore county, some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventy, commenced an action of trespass and ejectment in the general court against William Pellett and others, who formed a company, commonly called and denominated the Principio company, for the recovery of a tract or parcel of land in Baltimore county, called Sheridan's Bottom enlarged, and at April term, 1774, a verdict was found for the said Robert Long, and he has been since put into possession of the said land: And whereas the damages were laid in the declaration in the action aforesaid to the sum of three hundred pounds current money only, and it is alleged by the said Robert Long, that the damages which he has sustained during the time which the aforesaid company were in possession of the said land, by the loss of wood and timber cut down and carried off the premises, and otherwise, by the said company, far exceeds that sum; and the said Robert Long hath, by his petition to this general assembly, prayed that an act may pass, enabling and authorising a jury, or arbitrators, to be indifferently chosen, to ascertain upon oath the amount of the damages which he has sustained, without regard to the sum laid in the declaration aforesaid: And whereas sundry persons of the company aforesaid were, at the time of the commencement of the action aforesaid, and still are, subjects of Great-Britain, and by the several acts of the legislature of this state, respecting the confiscation of British property, such part of the property formerly owned by the said company, which belonged to British subjects, was vested in this state, and the same has been sold to individuals, for the use of the state, and it being but just and reasonable that this state should make reparation in damages to the said Robert Long, in proportion to the property which the public received;

Intendant to
appoint arbi-
trators, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the intendant of the revenue be and he is hereby authorised and directed to settle the claim aforesaid of the said Robert Long, by nominating and appointing, with the consent of the said Robert Long, arbitrators to adjust and ascertain, on oath, the amount of the damages which the said Robert Long hath sustained by the company aforesaid, provided that William Augustine Washington and Thomas and William Russell, of the company aforesaid, and who are interested in the final settlement of the action aforesaid,