

IV. **And be it further enacted,** That the three directors, to be chosen annually in manner aforesaid, shall have full power and authority, from time to time hereafter, to repair, cleanse, and keep in good order, the said drains and ditches, so to be opened and cut in virtue of this act, and to keep the said swamp dry, and prevent a return of the nuisance aforesaid, and the costs and expences arising therefrom, to assess, apportion, recover, and receive, in manner as already directed.

C H A P.
LXIII.

To repair
drains, &c.

V. **And be it further enacted,** That in case of the death, resignation, refusal, or disqualification, of any of the persons chosen directors at any time hereafter, it shall be lawful for the said proprietors, or a major part of them, to meet as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, and elect, by a majority of votes, a person or persons in his or their stead, to act as director or directors till the next annual meeting of the said proprietors.

In case of
death, &c. an-
other to be
chosen, &c.

C H A P. LXIV.

A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the managers of Back-creek school.

WHEREAS the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, have represented to this general assembly, that by the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the managers of Back-creek school, direction and powers are given for the election of trustees in the room and place of trustees dying or removing out of the county, but no provision is made by the said act to fill up the seat and place of any trustee who may neglect to qualify after having been appointed, or who may resign his seat, or absent himself from the meeting of the said trustees, by which much damage and several inconveniences have and may happen to the said academy: For remedy whereof,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That in case any person heretofore named or elected, or that shall hereafter be elected, a trustee of the said academy, have or shall resign his seat, or have neglected or shall neglect to qualify or attend at two succeeding half-yearly meetings of the said trustees appointed by the said act of assembly, without such excuse of necessary absence as shall be judged reasonable by a board of the said trustees duly assembled at one of the half-yearly meetings aforesaid, such board of trustees, so assembled, shall proceed to fill up the seat and place of such member who shall resign his seat, or who shall neglect or have neglected to qualify or attend as aforesaid.

In case of re-
signation ano-
ther trustee to
be chosen, &c.

III. **And whereas** the said trustees have further represented, that in order to render the said institution more extensively useful to the youth in the counties adjacent to the same, they have determined to extend the system of education, so as to have taught in the said academy not only the languages but all the arts and sciences, and that many persons in the counties of Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester, in this state, Accomack and Northampton in the state of Virginia, and Suffex county in the Delaware state, have subscribed to the amount of upwards of five thousand pounds for that purpose; and also that a greater number of trustees might be for the advantage of the said academy, and have by the said petition expressed a desire the number may be increased to eighteen, and that trustees may be chosen from the counties aforesaid, which have contributed for the support of the said academy; all which appearing to this assembly to be just and reasonable, and they being desirous by all lawful ways and means to encourage and promote knowledge within this state, on which liberty and public happiness so much depends: Therefore, **Be it enacted,** That the trustees of the said academy shall and may, at their next half-yearly meetings,

Number may
be increased,