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a number of their own body, less than seven, as they may think proper, to be a quorum or committee for transacting all necessary and general business of the said schools, and making temporary rules for the management thereof, and also, by the said ordinances, to delegate to the professors and teachers such powers and authorities as they shall think expedient for the standing government and discipline of the said schools, and the execution of the regulations of the same, and also by the said ordinances to make such regulations for the direction, visitation and examination, of the said schools, and the students and scholars therein, as shall best promote the important objects of the institution; provided always, that the said ordinances be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state.

Meet four times
a year, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall meet at least four times in every year, in stated quarterly meeting, to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other times as by their said ordinances, or by their own adjournments, they may direct, and when so assembled, they shall have power, from time to time, to appoint a president, treasurer and secretary, to make contracts with the professors or teachers relative to the instruction of the scholars to be placed under their care, and for the payment of their salaries, to examine the progress of the students and scholars in their learning, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline and government of the said schools, and the wholesome execution of their ordinances, and generally to manage the estate and concerns of the said schools, in like manner as is usually done for the advancement and advantage of similar institutions.

Take an oath,
&c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any trustee herein before appointed, or hereafter to be elected, shall proceed to execute the trusts and authorities delegated by this act, he shall qualify himself before some magistrate, by taking an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that he will well, truly and faithfully, execute and perform the duties of a trustee of the said schools, without partiality or prejudice, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and agreeably to the directions of this act; and a certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by the magistrate, and filed among their

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AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, on the first Monday of January in each and every year, report their proceedings, and the state of the orphans court of Charles county, for their inspection and examination; and the same shall be read, and every part thereof, and the proceedings of the trustees in execution thereof, shall be in full effect in law according to the true intent and meaning of the same respectively, and shall be deemed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favourably on the behalf and for the benefit of the said trustees, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the objects and demands towards the advancement and promotion of knowledge and virtue.

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to authorise William Handy and James Riche to sell and dispose of the real estate of Isaac Handy, late of Somerset county,

That Mary G. Handy, Edward G. Handy, James H. Handy and Samuel W. Handy, and heirs of Isaac Handy, late of Somerset county, deceased, have by their petition presented to the general assembly set forth, that the said Isaac Handy died on or about the third day of the month of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, seized of considerable real estate in and about the town of Salisbury, in Somerset county, consisting of several tracts or parts of tracts of land, and a small saw-mill, and several houses and lots in the town of Salisbury, which from its contiguity to the said town of Salisbury, is liable to be much injured from the want of wood and timber thereof pillaged, and the houses are going to decay from the want of good and bad tenants, and will in a few years be very much diminished in value: And whereas the said petitioners, together with their mother, the widow of the said Isaac Handy, have removed to the city of Washington, without any intention to return to this state: And whereas three of the said petitioners are minors, under the age of twenty-one years, and the said property not only produces but a small revenue at present, but will become considerably less valuable before the arrival at age of said petitioners, when they will be able to sell and dispose of the same: And whereas the said petitioners have prayed to have a law passed authorising the sale thereof, and to have the money invested in such manner as may be most adviseable; therefore,

Trustees ap-
pointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Handy and James Ritchie, or the survivor of them, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, and are authorised and empow-