

1812.

Trustees appointed and declared a corporation and body politic—their powers.

vernment of fifteen trustees ; and be perpetuated in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Thomas Hope, David Street, Joshua Rutledge, John Moores, William Smith, (of Samuel,) Henry Dorsey, Doctor Hugh Whiteford, John Street, John Forwood, William Wilson, Matthew Hawkins, James Weatherall, Elijah Davis, John Jolley and Paca Smith, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said academy ; and the said trustees and their successors, to be elected in the manner herein after mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of The Harford County Academy ; by which name and title, they, the said trustees and their successors, shall be competent and capable in law and in equity, to take and to hold to themselves and their successors, for the use of the said academy, any estate in any messuages, lands and tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, monies or effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever ; *Provided*, the same do not exceed in the whole the clear yearly value of five thousand dollars ; and the same messuages, lands and tenements and other estate, real or personal, to farm-let, and put out on interest, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them shall seem most beneficial to the institution ; and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same ; and to apply the emoluments thereof to the proper use and advancement of the said academy.

Proviso.

Vacancies—how to be supplied.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at all times forever hereafter, when any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the said community of trustees, by the death, resignation, or refusal of any one or more of the members thereof, or by the willful neglect of any one or more of them to attend the meetings of the board of trustees for the space of two years, the remaining trustees or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, proceed to elect, by ballot other sensible and discreet person or persons of the said county, to be the trustee or trustees to supply such vacancy or vacancies ; and in like manner shall all future vacancies be supplied by the said trustees and their successors, or a majority of them, so as to perpetuate