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Patent to issue thereon.

land called Poor and Worthy, which through ignorance she did not return in due time.

2. *And be it enacted*, That patent may issue thereon in the same manner as could have been had said certificate been duly returned, she complying with all other requisites agreeable to law.

CHAPTER 173.

Passed Feb. 1.

An act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Union School of Dorchester County.

Trustees incorporated.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Stephen Lecompte, Richard Tootell, Levin Lake, Hooper Rauleigh, and Robert Wallace, with such other citizens of Dorchester county as they, or a majority of them, shall select, not exceeding fifteen in number, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the Union School of Dorchester county; and the said trustees, and their successors, (to be elected in the manner herein after mentioned) shall be and they are hereby erected and created, and declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession, in fact and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Union School of Dorchester County, by which name and title the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable at law or in equity, to take and to hold, to themselves and their successors, for the use of the said school, any estate in lands, tenements, goods, chattels, monies, stock, funds 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 two thousand dollars, and the same to convey, lease, loan, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said school, in such manner as to them, or a quorum of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution.

Vacancies.

2. *And be it enacted*, That at all times for ever hereafter when any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the said community of the trustees, by the death, resignation, or refusal of any one or more of the trustees thereof, to attend four succeeding stated meetings of the board of trustees, the surviving or remaining trustees, or a quorum of them, may proceed to elect by ballot, other sensible, judicious, and discreet person or persons, of the county, to be trustee or trustees to supply the vacancy or vacancies occasioned by the respective causes aforesaid, and in such manner may all future vacancy or vacancies be supplied by the said trustees, and their successors, or a quorum of them, so as to perpetuate not less than the number of five persons as trustees of the said school for ever.

Privileges of company.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, and their successors, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court or courts, and before any judge, justice or justices, within this state, and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever nature, kind or form they be, and all and every other matter or thing to do therein, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or