

Dec. Ses 1824 maintenance of John Ritchie of said county, to be collected by the collector of said county, and by him paid over to the said John Ritchie, or to his order.

CHAPTER 76.

Passed Jan. 17, 1825.
Preamble.

An act to enable Simon Fraser of Prince Georges county, to purchase and hold real property within this state.

Whereas, Simon Fraser, a native of Scotland, and now a resident of Prince Georges county, hath purchased and contracted for certain real estate in said county, and the said Simon Fraser, having specified his intention to become a citizen by applying to the judges of Prince Georges county court, for the benefit of the naturalization laws; Therefore,

Authorized to hold property, &c.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Simon Fraser, shall be, and hereby is enabled to have, hold, take and occupy all such real property, within this state, as the said Simon Fraser shall have purchased and contracted for, before the passage of this act; and may sell and dispose of the same in like manner as a natural born citizen of the United States may; and in case of the death of the said Simon Fraser, without any disposition of his said real estate, by deed or will, the same shall descend to, and be vested in his lawful issue; or their legal representatives, according to the due and ordinary course of descent: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner interfere with, or affect the rights of individuals, claiming the said lands, or any part thereof; *and Provided* also that the said Simon Fraser shall, within three years after the passage of this act, become a citizen of the United States, according to the laws thereof.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 77.

Passed Jan. 26, 1825.
Preamble.

A supplement to the act entitled, "An Act for the encouragement of Learning in Cecil county"

Whereas, inconveniences have been experienced in consequence of the board of trustees of West Nottingham academy being too numerous; Therefore,

Trustees to be reduced.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any vacancy in the board of trustees of West Nottingham academy in Cecil county, now existing, or which may hereafter be occasioned by the death, resignation or disqualification of any member of the said board, shall not be supplied or filled, until the number of the board be reduced to nine.

Nine trustees.

2. *And be it enacted*, That when the number of the board shall have been so reduced as aforesaid, it shall consist of nine trustees instead of fifteen; as established by law.

Quorum, &c.

3. *And be it enacted*, That four trustees and their president shall be a quorum to transact all the business, perform all the duties, and enjoy all the privileges and immunities which were granted to, and required of the board of trustees by the law to which this a supplement; and in the case of the absence of the president, the trustees present may appoint a president pro tempore.

Acceptance required.

4. *And be it enacted*, That if this act be previously accepted by the present trustees, or a majority of them, and their acceptance thereof entered on the journal or minutes of their proceedings, at