

Necessity of having a Majority of the members of the
Further we Represent to the Hon^{ble} Assembly that we find in one of the Journals
of the House of Delegates the 26th July 1696 recited that Mr Anthony Workman
came before the House and gave a hundred and fifty pounds toward the building of a house
upon a Lot which his Excellency had already given together with ten pounds more
towards building the said House, which is to be enjoyed by the sd Anthony Workman
during his Natural Life and remain over to the use of free schools — also the said
Mr Workman promised to leave all the improvements upon the said Lot in good
and sufficient repairs —
And in the Journall of the House of Delegates holden May 1696 folio 54th 39
The said workman enters this House and says there is fifty pounds in his
hands for finishing the House — and prayd ^{h^{is} m^{aj}} Ordinance therein since
free which was granted —
Likewise in an Act of Assembly for keeping good Rules and Orders in
the Court of Admiralty made in July 1696 it is thus contained And be it further
Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all those Deeds, obligations, writings, made
by and between his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Governour General and Gov^r Chief
of this Province of the One part — and Anthony Workman of Kent Island in the
County of Talbot of the Other and Wm Greenbau Bricklayer of Philadelphia in
Pennsylvania of the Other part concerning a Lot of Land in the sd Town and
building an House thereon to the use of the said Anthony Workman during his
natural life and after his Decease to the use of the free school of this Province
for ever bearing date the 8th day of June Anno Domini 1696 and Ordered to be
Recorded in the Journall of the Gov^r and Council and the House of Burgesses of
this Generall Assembly to be of absolute and full force and available in Law
to the use therein Express according to the true Intent and meaning thereof
any defect in Forme or want of Forme in the same notwithstanding
But forasmuch as the sd Deeds, obligations and writings upon the
strictest Search are not found to be Recorded in either of the sd Journals
or that the Originals thereof can be any way discovered altho the sd
Anthony Workman by himself and his Assignes hold the said House and
build his house free of the use of the said house for ever to keep during the term
of his Natural Life yet his Assignes or Exors have refused to surrender or the
same to the use of the free school — and suffered the sd Improvements
to go to decay and be almost ruined — and We the sd Delegates and
Visitors of free schools conceiving We have an Undoubted Equitable Right
therein humbly desire that a Bill may be brought in this Session to
Vote and Confirm the aforesaid house and Lot in and out free for
for the use aforesaid and to oblige the Heirs and Executors of the
said Anthony Workman to make good his Promise of leaving the
said Improvements in good Repair and also to pay and satisfy the
us for the use of the said free school all such Debt as has been