

chantable, from Fell's Point, in said county, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the second day of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-one, (a) be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said seven years; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the sixteenth day of June, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, (b) and all the supplementary laws thereto, be and are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of one year, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said one year.

(a) October, 1771, ch. 20.

(b) June, 1777, ch. 14.

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An ACT for the disposal of the free-school lands in Calvert county, and other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. GR. fol. 303. Passed 15th of Dec. 1778.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by sundry the inhabitants of Calvert county, that the free-school in the said county does not afford sufficient encouragement for a master, and that from its situation, if a proper master could be got, it would be difficult to procure board for youth in the neighbourhood thereof, and that they have, at their own private expence, erected a seminary of learning near Lower-Marlborough, in said county, which for several years past has had a sufficient number of students to enable a gentleman of abilities to take the management and direction thereof, and that they are desirous of enlarging the plan of the said seminary, by selling the said free-school and the lands thereto belonging, and applying the money arising from the sale thereof to the use of the said seminary, and have prayed that an act might pass for that purpose;

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That the said seminary, or school be called Lower-Marlborough Academy; and the said academy shall hereafter be governed by a president and nine trustees, and for the present the honourable Charles Grahame, Esquire, shall be president, and the honourable colonel William Fitzhugh, Benjamin Mackall, doctor John Hamilton Smith, Thomas Gantt, junior, Samuel Chew, Patrick Sim Smith, doctor Edward Johnson, Edward Reynolds and Alexander Howard Magruder, shall be trustees for the said academy, who shall be subject to the same penalties, and be invested with the same rights, privileges, powers and authorities, to every intent and purpose, as the visitors of the county free-schools within this state are, and shall have succession in like manner.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any five of the said trustees, with or without the said president, shall be and are hereby empowered to meet at the said academy, from time to time, and they, or a major part of them, so met, may do any matter or thing which the said president and trustees might do, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees constituted by this act, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby empowered to receive all monies belonging to the said free-school that may be in the hands of the visitors chosen under the former act of assembly, and also all monies that may be in the hands of the treasurers of the eastern or western shores, belonging to the said free-school, and such visitors and trustees are hereby directed to render an account to the trustees appointed by this act, of such sum or sums of money which may be in their hands, and to pay the same into the hands of the said trustees, and in case of neglect or refusal to render such account within six months after the publication of this act, the said trustees, or the major part of them, may and they are hereby authorised to sue for, recover and receive the same, in an action of trespass on the case, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiff.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby empowered to make, alter or amend, such rule or rules as they may think expedient and necessary for the better regulating and governing the said academy.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Charles Grahame, colonel William Fitzhugh and Samuel Chew, Esquires, or any two of them, are hereby authorised, empowered and required, to make sale, by way of public vendue, of the said free-school of Calvert county, with the land thereto belonging, to the best and highest bidder, and convey the same in fee-simple to the purchaser or purchasers, his or their heirs or assigns, for ever, and the money arising by the sale thereof shall be paid into the hands of the said trustees, to be by them applied for the uses of the said academy.

VII. AND,