

N.º 12 An Act to unite the Free Schools of Somerset and Worcester
Countys Liber R. G.
1770

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly by Sundry [Preamble.]
the Inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester Counties that the free
Schools in the said Counties are so scituate as that no Convenient
place of boarding the Scholars can be had nor will the funds Provided
for each seperately afford sufficient encouragment for proper Masters
and that in Order to have the Lands and Houses of the said two
Schools sold and one School Erected in a proper place convenient to
both Counties and the funds of both Consolidated into one; sundry
Persons have Subscribed large Sums of Money to further the Com-
pletion of so laudable an Institution and have prayed that an Act
might pass for that purpose which this Assembly have thought rea-
sonable to grant

Be it therefore Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Pro- [Eden
School to
be erected
for Som-
set and
Worcester
Counties.]
prietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships
Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the
Authority of the same that as soon as may be after the end of this
Present session of Assembly there shall be Erected one School to
be called by the name of Eden School for the said Countys of Som-
erset and Worcester at the most Convenient Place to both of the said
Counties at the discretion of the Visitors or the Major part of them
hereafter nominated appointed and empowered by this act any former
Law to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding

And be it further Enacted that the Persons hereafter named to wit [Visitors
nominated.]
The Reverend M.^r Samuel Stone and Mess.^{rs} Levin Gale, Thomas
Dashiell, Thomas Hayward, Andrew Francis Cheney, William
Adams, Henry Lowes, Josiah Polk George Dashiell Thomas Bruff
of Somerset County and Mess.^{rs} William Allen, Littleton Dennis,
Benton Harris, Henry Johnson George Hayward Lemuel Purnell
Thomas Martin, Peter Chaille, John Selby and Joseph Dashiell of p. 64
Worcester County shall be visitors of the said School shall Qualify
in the same manner and be Subject to the same Penalties and be
invested with the same rights Priviledges Powers & Authorities to
every intent and purpose as the Visitors of the other County Schools [And every
Vacancy
filled up
with a
Resident of
the County
where it may
happen.]
within this Province and shall have Succession in like manner so that
every vacancy be filled up with a Resident of that County wherein
the said Vacancy may happen so that an equal Number of Visitors
of each County may be kept up any Law to the Contrary thereof
notwithstanding

And be it further Enacted That of all Duties Taxes and imposi- [All Duties,
&c. imposed,
to be paid
to the Visit-
ors, and by
them ap-
plied to the
use of the
school.]
tions hereafter to be Collected for the use of the County Schools
within this Province there shall be paid by the Treasurers of the
Western & Eastern Shores to the Visitors aforesaid or the Major
part of them or their Order two equal Devidends by them to be ap-
plied and Expended to and for the use and Benefit of the said School