

cerning a Lot of Land in the said 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 the said Town forever, bearing Date the Eighth Day of June One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and Six, and ordered to be recorded in the Journal of the Governor and Council, and of the House of Delegates of that General Assembly, should be of absolute and full Force, and available in Law, to the Uses therein expressed, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, any defect in Form, or want of Form in the same, notwithstanding. But forasmuch as the said Deeds, Obligations, Writings and Evidences, upon Search, are not found to be recorded in either of the said Journals, they being defaced and torn, or can otherwise be discovered or found; the present Rector, Governors and Visitors of Free-Schools have prayed, that, in order to confirm the said Lot, House and Tenements, to them and their Successors for ever, to the Use aforesaid, it might be Enacted

II. And be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the aforesaid Lot and Houses, or Tenements thereon erected, shall, in all Times to come, be deemed, reputed and taken, to be and remain, and be invested and remain in the aforesaid Rector, Governors and Visitors of the Free-Schools, and their Successors, as in an indefeasable Estate in Fee-simple, for ever, to the Use of the Free-School in the City of Annapolis, and to no other Use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever; the want of the said Articles, Writings, or Evidences, or any other Grant or Conveyance of the aforesaid Lot, from the said Francis Nicholson, Esq; notwithstanding.

III. And inasmuch as the said Rector, Governours and Visitors lie under great Difficulties in procuring a Meeting of a competent Number of the said Governors and Visitors, as by the present Law for the Free-Schools, is directed to meet and consult, and make Orders, for the better Management of the said Schools, the Appurtenances and Incidents thereto; Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Rector, and any Number of the said Governors and Visitors, not less than Five, on any Special Occasion so requiring, to meet together, consult, direct, and manage the Affairs of the said Schools, and execute the several Powers and Authorities in the aforesaid Act prescribed, without being under the Necessity of having the Majority of the Members of the Corporation present at such Meetings: And that such Orders, Rules and Directions, as shall by the Rector and such Number of the Visitors aforesaid, not less than Five as aforesaid, made and given, shall be of as good Efficacy and Force as if they were made and given by the Majority