

An Act to Establish and endow An Agricultural College in the State of Maryland.

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature, That certain wise and virtuous Citizens are desirous of instituting and establishing in some convenient locality within this State An Agricultural College and Model Farm, in which the youthful Student may especially be instructed, in those Arts and Sciences indispensable, to successful Agricultural pursuits, And whereas it doth appear to this Legislature that while the wise and learned in the present age have cultivated with laudable industry and applied with admirable success the Arts and Sciences to other pursuits the most necessary useful and honorable pursuits of Agriculturists have so far been most lamentably neglected.

And whereas, it is the province and duty of the Legislature to encourage and aid the philanthropic and patriotic Citizens in their efforts to disseminate useful Knowledge by reestablishing An Agricultural College and Model Farm, which shall in addition to the usual course of Scholastic learning particularly indoctrinate the youth of Maryland theoretically and practically in those arts and Sciences which with good manners and morals shall enable them to subdue the Earth and elevate the State to the lofty position its Advantages in soil Climate &c. And the Moral and Mental Capacities of its Citizens entitles it to attain, Therefore,

Section 1<sup>st</sup> Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That James F. Cooke. John O. Wharton. Nicholas B. Worthington. Charles B. Walcott.

George W. Hughes, Walter W. Bowie, Ramsay M<sup>c</sup> Henry, J. Carroll Walsh, and A. B. Davis, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners by whom or under whose direction subscriptions may be solicited and obtained to the Stock of the Maryland Agricultural College; and they are hereby authorized to take hold and dispose of as hereinafter provided for voluntary subscriptions, to the amount not exceeding Five hundred thousand dollars in shares of twenty five Dollars each. — \*

Section 2. And be it enacted, That as soon as, at least Two thousand Shares of) Stock aforesaid shall in manner aforesaid be subscribed for, the subscribers aforesaid, their Successors and assigns shall be and are hereby made and declared to be incorporated, into a company by the name and style of the "Maryland Agricultural College" and by that name be capable in law of suing and being sued, taking and holding real and personal property, of contracting and being contracted with, instituting establishing, and continuing in successful operation "The Maryland Agricultural College and Model Farm", to have and use a Corporate Seal, and to do and cause to be done all things necessary for the attainment of the object aforesaid. —

Section 3<sup>rd</sup> And be it enacted, That as soon as Two thousand Shares of the Stock aforesaid has been as aforesaid subscribed for and one half thereof has been in cash paid in and the other half thereof secured to be paid when required; the said Stock holders upon sufficient notice of the time and place of meeting being given, shall, or a majority of them shall meet and elect by ballot Twenty Two <sup>one</sup> Trustees from each County, and One from the City of Baltimore, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting business.

Section 4<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That the Trustees so as aforesaid by the Stockholders, as aforesaid, first Elected, Shall continue in office for five years and until their successors are in manner aforesaid Elected, And all subsequent Elections and Continuation in office of Trustees shall be for two years and until their successors are in manner aforesaid Elected.

Section 5<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That the Board of Trustees aforesaid or a quorum of them shall have full power and Authority to Appoint Professors and Teachers in the College aforesaid, prescribe their duties, Salaries, And fix and determine the duties, wages, Cost and Charge of all other Officers and servants tuition and board of Students, Course of Study, vacations, examinations, Exhibitions, And Control and Manage all persons and things in and belonging to the said Agricultural College, and do and perform and cause to be done and performed all things necessary and proper, to continue in successful operation the said Agricultural College and Model Farm, as fully as if herein set forth and mentioned.

Section 6<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Board of Trustees to order and direct to be made and instituted on said Model Farm Annually, a series of Experiments upon the Cultivation of Cereals and other plants ~~adapted~~ <sup>adapted</sup> to the Latitude and climate of the State of Maryland, And cause to be carefully noticed upon the records of said institution the character of said Experiments, the kind of soil, upon which they were undertaken, the system of Cultivation adopted, the state of the atmosphere and all other particulars which may be necessary to a fair and complete understanding of the result of said Experiments, And they shall also require

the instructor of Chemistry as far as <sup>may</sup> be consistent with his other duties in said institution, to carefully analyze all specimens of soil that may be submitted to him by any citizen of this State, free of charge, and specially furnish the applicant with an accurate statement of the results.

Section 7. And be it enacted, That the Trustees aforesaid shall have the care, control and management of all the real and personal property and money of the said Company, and shall appoint a register and cause to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose, all the acts, orders and proceedings of the said Board of trustees at their several meetings, and they shall determine upon the times of meeting which meetings shall be held at the college aforesaid, not less than four times in each year thereafter, and the said board of trustees shall at every session of the Legislature present in printed pamphlet, from a full and correct report of the condition of the said Agricultural College and model farm. And the condition or final results of all experiments, undertaken as provided for in the foregoing section.

Section 8<sup>th</sup>. And be it enacted, That if within two years from the first day of February eighteen hundred and fifty six, the said stockholders shall have received bona fide subscriptions for two thousand shares, of twenty five dollars each, to the stock aforesaid, and shall have elected Trustees as aforesaid, and shall have purchased the lands for the model farm not less than fifty acres, and shall have erected thereon the buildings necessary for the college and farm purposes, that the said stockholders under the name and style of the "Maryland Agricultural College," shall be entitled from the Treasury of the State of Maryland, to the annual sum of six thousand dollars, which said annual

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sum of six thousand dollars, is hereby ~~appropriated~~ <sup>appropriated</sup> out of any unappropriated money  
in the Treasury, as an annual ~~endowment~~ <sup>endowment</sup> of the said Maryland Agricultural College,  
and shall by the Board of Trustees hereinbefore mentioned, be applied to the payment of  
salaries of Professors and such other purposes as shall promote the welfare and success  
of the said Agricultural College, and upon notice being given in writing by the said Maryland  
Agricultural College, that the subscriptions aforesaid have been bona fide made, and a  
board of trustees duly appointed, and the lands for said Model farm have been purchas-  
ed, and the necessary buildings erected thereon as aforesaid, to the Comptroller of the  
Treasury he shall forthwith, if at any time before the first day of February eighteen hun-  
dred and fifty eight, said report is made, issue his warrant to the Treasurer, and  
the Treasurer shall pay to the said board of Trustees or their order then and annually  
thereafter the said sum of six thousand dollars abac appropriated.

Section 9.<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That neither the said Stockholders, nor the said trustees,  
shall in any way, or means issue any note, bill, draft certificate or have and  
use any device or pretence for a circulating medium in form of Bank note, or otherwise,  
and shall not use or attempt to use any banking privileges whatsoever.

Section 10.<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That if there shall not be bona fide subscribed at  
least two thousand shares of twenty five dollars each, as stock to the "Maryland Agricu-  
-tural College," and trustees appointed in manner and form herein provided for on or  
before the said first day of February in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight, then  
and in that case, this Act and all the ~~provisions~~ <sup>provisions</sup> hereof and the incorporation of the  
Stockholders or subscribers, and all rights, privileges and immunities hereinbefore mentioned,

shall be, repealed, vacated, null, void, and of no effect =

Section 11<sup>th</sup> And be it Enacted, That the General Assembly of Maryland, hereby expressly reserves the right at Any future Session to withdraw any part or all of said Endowment of six thousand dollars herein before appropriated, or to repeal, vacate and make void, all and every part of the incorporation aforesaid, and all rights, privileges and immunities herein before mentioned, and the endowment and donation of the six thousand dollars to be paid out of the Treasury as herein before provided for shall cease to be paid.

Section 12<sup>th</sup> And be it Enacted, That if on or before the first day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight, aforesaid there are not two thousand Shares of twenty five dollars each, at the least subscribed to the Maryland Agricultural College, then and in that case the Subscribers who have paid all or any part of their Subscriptions shall have a return thereof, and for that part subscribed and not paid Excepting and reserving such Compensation as shall be deemed Necessary in the discretion of the Commissioners for incidental expenses in obtaining Subscriptions and collecting the same.

Section 13<sup>th</sup> And be it Enacted, That a general meeting of the Stockholders of said Company shall be held Annually at such time and place as the Stockholders shall appoint, they may be called at any time, and to meet at any convenient place during the interval between said Annual Meetings by the President and Trustees, or a majority of them, or by the Stockholders owning at least one fourth of the whole Stock subscribed, upon giving thirty days public notice of the time and place of holding the same by advertisement published in one or more Newspapers of General Circulation in the State, and when any such meetings are called by the Stockholders such notice shall specify the particular object of the case,

And if at any such called meetings a majority, in value, of the Stockholders of said Company are not present in person or by proxy, such meetings shall be adjourned from day to day without transacting any business for any time not exceeding three days, and if within said three days, Stockholders having a majority in value of the Stock subscribed do not thus attend such meeting shall be dissolved and that any called meetings of the Stockholders, a majority of those present may require similar statements from the President and directors, whose duty it shall be to furnish them when thus required, and that at all general meetings of the Stockholders a majority in value of all the Stockholders in said Company may fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of Trustees; and may remove from office any President or of any of the Trustees of said Company and may appoint others in their stead.

By the Senate  
 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

This Engrossed bill, the original of which passed the House of Delegates the Senate by ayes and noes on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856, was this day read and assented to,  
 By Order -  
 C. Howard, Secy

W. Wilson

By the House of Delegates  
 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1856

This Engrossed bill, the original of which passed the House of Delegates by ayes and noes on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856, was this day read and assented to,  
 By Order -  
 Tho. A. Kent (of J),  
 Clerk

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Examined by  
Francis T. Davis

Edw. M. Davis

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