assess the Damages of the said Visitors and Governors of Saint Johns College by Occasion of the Premises aforesaid besides their Lawful Costs and charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and Expended to the sum of Sixty four pounds Ten Shillings Current money. Therefore it is considered by the Justices here this twenty fifth day of April Anno Domini 1795. that the said Visitors and Governors of Saint Johns College in the State of Maryland recover against the said Edward Reynolds as well the sum of sixty four pounds Ten shillings Current money their Damages aforesaid by the Jurors aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed as also the sum of five hundred and thirty one pounds of Tobacco and thirteen shillings and ten pence Half penny Current money by the Court here adjudged unto them for their Costs and charges by them about their suit in this behalf laid out and Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Memd.m Joseph Wilkinson Gentleman withdrew from the Bench on the Tryal of this Cause.

Memd.m before the Jurors aforesaid went from the Barr the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bill of Exceptions to wit.

The Visitors and Governors of Saint Johns College.
against
Edward Reynolds.

and now in the Tryal of this cause the Counsel for the plaintiff Produced in Evidence the following Draft of a proposed Act of Assembly superscription and Signature by Edward Reynolds the Defendant to wit, the following is the Draught of a proposed Act submitted to Public Consideration for founding a College on the Western Shore of this State and for constituting the same together with Washington College on the Eastern Shore into one university by the name of the university of Maryland.

Whereas Institution and useful Literature are of the Highest benefit to Society in order to Raise up and perpituate a Succession of able and Honest men for discharging the various Officers and Duties of life both Civil and Religious with usefulness and reputation and such institutions of Learning have accordingly been Promoted and Encouraged by the wisest and best regulated States.

And whereas it has been represented to this General

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that they are earnestly desirous to promote the founding of a College or Seminary of General Learning on the western Shore of this State and for that Good purpose have subscribed and procured Subscriptions to a Considerable amount and are well assured of Obtaining very General Subscription and contributions throughout the Different Counties of the said Western Shore if they were made capable in Law to receive and apply the same towards founding a College upon such Sallutary plan and with such future legislative assistance as the General Assembly in their Great Wisdom and Liberality may think fit and have therefore prayed that the Present favourable season of Peace and Prosperity may be Embraced for making a beginning of this good work and that a Law may be Passed accordingly.

Now this General Assembly taking the Premises into their Serious considerations and being Desirous to promote and Encourage all usefull and Literature through every part of this State have agreed to an Act and be it Enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland first that the said Intended College shall be founded and maintained forever upon the most Liberale and Catholic plan for the benifit of the Youth of every Religious Denomination who shall be freely admitted to Equal Privileges and advantages of Education and to the Liberary honours of the College according to their merit without Requiring or Enforcing any Religious or Civil Test or Urging their attendance upon any Particular Religious Worship or Service other than what they have been Educated in, or have the Consent and approbation of their parents or Guardians to attend, nor shall any preference be given in the Choice of a Principal, vice Principal or any other professor or master in the said College on a religious Score, but Merely on account of his Literary and other necessary Qualification to fill the place for which he is chosen.

Secondly there shall be a subscription opened in the Different Counties of the Western Shore for founding the said College and the Several subscribers shall class themselves According to their respective Inclinations and for every thousand pounds which may be subscribed and secured to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Western Shore by any Particular Class of scribers they shall be Entitled to the choice of one person as a visiter and

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