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The Transfer to the State

An ACT to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to establish a normal school at William and Mary college in connection with its collegiate course, approved March 5, 1888, and to transfer the ownership of the real estate and personal property of the said college to the State.

Approved March 7, 1906.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That an act entitled "an act to establish a normal school at William and Mary College, in connection with its collegiate course," approved March fifth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Whereas it is represented that William and Mary College is desirous of establishing and maintaining in connection with its collegiate course a system of normal instruction and training, so as to prepare white male teachers for the public free schools of the Commonwealth, and is unable to do so because of the inadequacy of its resources, and is desirous of transferring to the ownership and control of the State, for educational purposes, all its real estate and personal property; therefore to aid the college in the purposes aforesaid, but subject to such conditions and restrictions as are herewith mentioned,

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, as follows:

That the said college shall establish in connection with the collegiate course, which shall be maintained, a system of normal instruction and training for the purpose of educating and training white male teachers for the public free schools of the State.

2. That the board of visitors shall consist of ten members, to be appointed by the governor from the State at large, and by and with the consent and advice of the senate, to hold office for a term of four years; provided, that at the first appointment five of the members shall be appointed for the term of two years, and five for the term of four years; and the said board shall control and expend the funds of the college and any appropriation hereafter provided, and shall make all needful rules and regulations concerning the said college, appoint the president and all professors, teachers and agents, and fix their salaries, and generally direct the affairs of the college.

3. The superintendent of public instruction shall also be a member of the board of visitors ex-officio; and any vacancy in said board that shall be caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate.

4. The said board shall be, and is hereby, constituted a corporation under the style of "the College of William and Mary in Virginia," and shall be vested with all rights and powers conferred by the provisions of this act and by the ancient royal charter of the college, in so far as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act and the general laws of the State, and shall also have a right to confer degrees; and it is hereby enacted that all the real estate and personal property of the college, now existing and standing in the name of the corporate body designated "the president and masters or professors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia," shall be transferred to and known and taken as standing in the name and to be under the control of the board of visitors constituted under this act, the corporate body designated "the College of William

and Mary in Virginia," and be and become the property of the State of Virginia.

5. The board of visitors shall prescribe rules for the examination and admission of pupils applying for normal instruction, and shall require each pupil to give satisfactory assurance of his intention and willingness to teach in the public schools of the State for at least two years after leaving said institution, and each of said pupils shall have, free of charge for tuition, the privileges of the collegiate course.

6. Each county and city in the State shall be entitled to one pupil, who shall be nominated by the division superintendent of schools, and if any vacancy occurs it shall be filled from the State at large by the board of visitors, and each county and city in the State shall also be entitled to one additional pupil for each additional representative in the house of delegates above one, to be appointed in a similar manner. The said pupil so appointed shall be exempt from tuition fees, and the charge for their board, washing, lights, and fuel, shall not exceed the sum of twelve dollars per month.

7. This act shall not become effective until and unless the board of visitors of the college and the president and masters or professors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia shall, within thirty days after the approval of the same by the governor, pass a resolution accepting its provision and file in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth a copy of said resolutions, certified by their respective secretaries; and said last named corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to convey by proper deed to said "College of William and Mary in Virginia," all real estate or interest therein owned by it, and to transfer its personal property.

8. All acts or part of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.