

William and Mary

by y^e grace of god
of England, Scotland, France, & Ireland King & Queen Defend^r
of y^e Faith &c. To all to whom these our present Letters shall
come, Greeting. Being our trusty and well-beloved Subjects con-
stituting y^e Gen^l Assembly of our Colony of Virginia, to y^e End y^e
y^e Church of Virginia may be furnished with a Seminary of
Ministers of y^e Gospell, & y^e y^e Youth may be piously Educated
in good Learning & Manners, & y^e y^e Christian faith may be pro-
pagated amongst y^e Western Indians to y^e glory of Almighty God,
have had it in their minds & proposed to y^e selves to make, found,
& Establish a certain place of Univerfall Study, or a perpetual
School for sacred Theology, Philosophy, y^e Languages, & other good
Arts & Sciences, consisting of one Professor, six Masters or
Professors & one hundred Scholars more or less according to y^e
ability of y^e School, & y^e Statutes of y^e same, to be made,
increased, diminished, or changed upon y^e place by certain
Trustees nominated, & elected by y^e Gen^l Assembly aforesaid,
(to wit) the trusty & well-beloved Francis Nicholson our Lieut^{nt}
Governour of our Colonys of Virginia & Maryland, William Cole,
Ralph Wormley, William Byrd, & John Lee Esq^r; James Blair,
John Farnifolds, Stephen Faucet, & Samuell Gray, Clerks;
Thomas Milner, Christopher Robinson, Charles Scarborough,
John Smith, Benjamin Harrison, Miles Cary, Henry
Hartwell, William Randolph, & Matthew Page Gent^l: or the
major part of y^e or of y^e longest lives of y^e; on y^e South Side
of a certain River commonly called York-River or Appomattox where
y^e Gen^l Assembly of Virginia shall think more fitt & expedient
in our Colony to be upheld and maintained in all times
coming. Being also our trusty & well-beloved y^e Gen^l
Assembly of our Colony aforesaid have by our beloved in Christ
James Blair Esq^r: y^e Agent lawfully constituted, humbly
Supplicated Us y^e Wee would be graciously pleased not only to
grant Our Royall Licenses to y^e Francis Nicholson, W^m Cole,
Ralph Wormley, W^m Byrd, John Lee, James Blair, John Farnifolds,
Stephen Faucet, Sam^l Gray, Tho. Milner, Christopher Robinson,
Charles Scarborough, John Smith, Benjⁿ Harrison, Miles Cary, Henry
Hartwell, W^m Randolph, & Mat^h Page to make, found, erect, and
establish y^e School, but also y^e we would extend our Royall
bounty

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for Schools in Virginia