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**An Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties of this Province. Passed the 11th March, 1816.**

Whereas the education of Youth is of the utmost importance to society.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, shall be and is hereby empowered to appoint during pleasure, and to remove as he shall see fit, three or more fit and proper persons in the several Counties of this Province; the Counties of York and Charlotte, and the City and County of Saint John, excepted, as Trustees and Directors respectively, for the establishing Grammar Schools in each of the said Counties except as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees and Directors of the said Grammar Schools in each of the said Counties, except as aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall form a Board for adjusting the business of the said Schools respectively, and they are hereby empowered to procure proper places, whereon to erect Buildings suited for the said Schools, in each County as aforesaid, and to accept and receive Donations for the erection of such Buildings, and for the endowment of such Schools, and to purchase and hold Lands and real Estate, in trust for the use of such Schools, and be enabled to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto by the name and description aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted. That the said Trustees and Directors, or the major part of them, in each of the said Counties respectively, except as aforesaid, are hereby empowered to procure and retain a Master and Ushers for the said Schools, and to make and establish Bye-Laws, ordinances and regulations for the Government of the said Schools, and to enforce obedience to the same by moderate hues, or expulsions, or other public censures as they may judge proper, and fix and determine the rates of Tuition in the said Schools: Provided always, that no such Bye-Laws or regulations, shall have any force or effect until they shall have received the approbation of His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Master or Masters, Usher or Ushers, shall be employed to teach in any School or Schools now established or hereafter to be established in this Province, unless such Master or Masters, Usher or Ushers, shall be duly qualified and Licenced as by His Majesty's Royal Instruction is required.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees and Directors shall hold public visitations and examinations of the said Schools respectively, twice in each and every year, to wit, on the first Monday in May and the first Monday in November.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Scholars in the said Schools, shall be taught English Grammar, the Latin and Greek Languages, Orthography, the use of the Globes, and the practical branches of the Mathematics, or such other useful learning as may be judged necessary, and the said Trustees and Directors for the respective Counties shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to nominate and send to the said Schools, any number of Boys not exceeding eight to any one School, to be taught gratis, and such Boys shall be instructed in all the branches of education taught at the said Schools respectively, or in such parts thereof as the said Trustees and Directors shall direct, in the same manner as any other Scholars, and on the removal of any such Boys from the said Schools respectively, the Trustees and Directors shall and may appoint and send others in their stead, so as to keep up at all times the full number of eight free Scholars, in each and every of the said Schools respectively: Provided always, that such Boys shall be poor Orphans or Children whose Parents cannot afford to pay for their education.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the sum of one hundred, pounds annually, be included in the estimate of the ordinary: expences of the Province for each of the following Counties, that is to say, the Counties of Northumberland, Queens, Sunbury, King's and Westmoreland, which said sum of one hundred pounds shall be granted annually for the payment of the Masters thereof respectively, the same to be drawn on the Certificate of such Trustees and Directors, in favor of the person or persons entitled thereto.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon as the said Trustees and Directors in any of the said last mentioned Counties, shall certify to His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, that such County hath provided a Building suitable for a Grammar School, and that they the said Trustees and Directors have provided a Master capable to manage the said School, and that the sum of one hundred pounds hath been raised or subscribed by the Inhabitants of such County, payable and to be paid to the said Trustees and Directors of such School, in aid of the support and maintenance of the said Master, that then it shall be lawful for His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief to draw by warrant, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, on the Treasury of the Province, for one half of the said sum of one hundred pounds, in favor of the Master or Teacher of the said School, and so from time to time upon like Certificate in half yearly payments for the use of such School: Provided always, that all sums of money which shall be borne upon the estimate as aforesaid from year to year for the use of such Schools, and which shall not be drawn from the Treasury of this Province pursuant to this Act, shall revert to the Provincial Fund, to be appropriated by the Legislature.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees and Directors of the Grammar Schools for the said Counties last mentioned respectively, shall be accountable from time to time to the Legislature of the Province, for their conduct and management of the money to be vested in them, by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.