

receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind, manner or portion, of goods and chattels that shall be given, sold or bequeathed, to them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and employ the same towards erecting, letting up and maintaining the said college, in such manner as they shall judge most necessary and convenient for the instruction, improvement and education, of youth, in the vernacular and learned languages, and generally in any kind of literature, arts and sciences, which they shall think proper to be taught, for training up good, useful and accomplished men, for the service of their country in church and state; and youth of all religious denominations and persuasions shall be freely and liberally admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honours of the college, according to their merit, and the standing rules of the seminary, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test whatsoever upon any student, scholar or member, of the said college, other than such oath of fidelity to the state as the laws thereof may require of the visitors, governors, masters, professors and teachers, in schools and seminaries of learning in general; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of any visitor and governor of the said college, or of the principal, vice-principal, or any professor or master, on account of his religious persuasions, but merely on account of his literary and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he is chosen.

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V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices, within this state and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form, they be; and all and every other matter and thing, therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, or any of the United States of America, in like cases may or can do.

Sue and be sued, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to have, make and use, one common and public seal; and likewise one privy seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper; and to ascertain, fix and regulate, the uses of both seals by their own laws, and the same seals, or either of them, to change, break, alter and renew, at their pleasure.

Have seals, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter for ever, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint, in such manner as they shall think best and most convenient, a principal and vice-principal of the said college, and professors, with proper tutors and assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said seminary in all the liberal arts and sciences, and in the ancient and modern tongues and languages, who shall be severally styled Professors of such arts, sciences, languages or tongues, as they shall be nominated and appointed for, according to each particular nomination and appointment; and the said principal, vice-principal and professors, so constituted and appointed from time to time, shall be known and distinguished for ever as one learned body or faculty, by the name, of the Principal, Vice-principal and Professors, of Washington College, in the State of Maryland, and by that name shall be capable of exercising such powers and authorities as the visitors and governors of the said college, and their successors, shall by their ordinances think necessary to delegate to them, for the instruction, discipline and government, of the said seminary, and of all the students, scholars, ministers and servants, belonging to the same; and the said principal and vice-principal, professors, students, scholars, and such necessary ministers and servants as give constant attendance upon the business and duties of the college, shall be exempted from all rents and taxes on their salaries, and from all military duties, except in the case of actual invasion of the state, and when general military law is declared.

And appoint principal, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of the said college and corporation, shall not exceed six thousand pounds current money, to be reckoned in Spanish milled dollars at the present rate and weight, and all gifts, grants and bequests, of the said college and corporation, after the yearly value of their estate shall amount to six thousand pounds as aforesaid, and all bargains and purchases to be made by the said corporation, which may increase the yearly value of said estate above or beyond the sum aforesaid, shall be absolutely void and of none effect.

Yearly value not to exceed a certain sum, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, shall meet at least four times in every year, in stated quarterly meetings, to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other times as by their said ordinances they may direct, in order to examine the progress

Visitors to meet, &c.