

colleges or universities in America or Europe; and it is hereby enacted, that the president, or in the case of his death or absence the next ranking academic officer of the college, shall make out and sign with his name, diplomas or certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or greater seal of the said corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diplomas, if thought necessary, for doing greater honor to such graduates, shall also be signed with the names of the different professors and members of the Board of Visitors and Governors, or as many of them as can conveniently sign them.

IX. No Student or Students within the said College shall ever be admitted to any such degree until such student or students have duly fulfilled all the requirements for such degree or degrees, as established by the faculty of the college with the approval of the Visitors and Governors.

X. The ordinances which shall be from time to time made by the Visitors and Governors of the said College, and their successors, with an account of their other proceedings, and of the management of the estate and monies committed to their trust, shall, when required be laid before the General Assembly of Maryland, for inspection and examination, but in case at any time hereafter, through oversight, or otherwise through misapprehensions and mistakes, constructions of the powers, liberties, franchises, in this charter or act of incorporation granted or intended to be granted, any ordinance should be made by the said Visitors and Governors of said corporation, or matters done and transacted by the corporation, contrary to the tenor hereof, it is enacted, that although all such ordinances, acts and doings, shall be null and void, yet they shall not however, in any ~~courts, -of-law,~~ court or by the General Assembly, be deemed, taken, interpreted or adjudged into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act of incorporation, but the same shall be and remain unhurt, inviolate and entire, unto the said corporation in perpetual succession; and all its acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof shall be and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

XI. The said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, shall have all the general powers granted to corporations under the Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, and this charter and act of incorporation and all ordinances adopted by the Visitors and Governors, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favorably on the behalf and for the best benefit behoof of said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science and virtue.