

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.

C H A P.
VIII.

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 devises 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 stiled 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 rates 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
a 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 non-effect.

Yearly value
of estate 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 of the students and scholars in literature, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline of the seminary, and the good and wholesome execution of their ordinances; in all which examinations, meetings and de-

Visitors to
meet four
times a year,
&c.

terminations,