

own ordinances, and at such other times as by their said ordinances, or by their own adjournments they may direct; and when so assembled, they shall have power from time to time to appoint a president, treasurer and secretary; to make contracts with the professors or teachers, relative to the instruction of the scholars to be placed under their care, and for the payment of their salaries; to examine the progress of the students and scholars in their learning; to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline and government of the said academy, and wholesome execution of their ordinances; and generally to manage the estate and concerns of the said seminary, in like manner as is usually done for the advancement and advantage of similar institutions. CHAP. 152.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any trustee herein before appointed, or hereafter to be elected, shall proceed to execute the trusts and authorities delegated by this act, he shall qualify himself before some magistrate, by taking an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that he will truly and faithfully execute and perform the duties of a trustee of the said academy, without partiality or prejudice, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and agreeably to the directions of this act, and a certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by the magistrate and be filed among their proceedings. To take an oath.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall report their proceeding, and the state of the academy, to the general assembly, for their inspection and examination; and this act of incorporation, and every part thereof, and the proceedings of the trustees in execution thereof, shall have effect in law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respectively, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favourably on the behalf and for the benefit of the said trustees, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the objects and design of this act, towards the advancement and promotion of knowledge and virtue. And to report the state of the academy to the general assembly.

CHAP. CLIII.

An Act concerning the amendment of Judicial Proceedings. Lib. TH. Passed Jan 6, 1810
No. 2, fol. 370.

See 1811, ch. 161.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the courts of law shall have power to order and allow amendments to be made in all proceedings whatever before verdict, so as to bring the merits of the question between the parties fairly to trial, and if amendment is made after the jury is sworn, a juror shall be withdrawn; and in all cases where amendments are made, the adverse party shall have time to prepare to support his case, but the case shall not be continued to the next term, unless the court shall be satisfied that the same is necessary, and such costs shall be allowed the party against whom such amendment may be made as the court shall think just. Amendments may be made in all proceedings before verdict, &c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all writs of error wherein there shall be any variance from the original record, or other defect, may be amended, and made agreeable to such record; and that where any verdict shall be given in any action, suit or demand, in any All writs of error may be amended; alter verdict judgments not to be stayed for defect of form in writ, &c.