

to the principal, vice-principal and professors, such powers and authorities as they may think best for the standing government of the said seminary, and of the execution of the ordinances and rules of the same; *Provided always*, that they be not repugnant to the form of government or any laws of this state.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, 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.

13. AND, for animating and encouraging the students of the said college to a laudable diligence, industry and progress, in useful literature and science, BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, shall, by a written mandate, under their privy seal and the hand of some of the trustees, to be chosen annually as their president according to the ordinance to be made for that purpose, have full power and authority to direct the principal, vice-principal and professors, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally, as the future ordinances of the said seminary shall direct, and at such commencements to admit any of the students of the said college, or any other persons meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the same mandate,) to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions, to which persons are usually admitted in other colleges or universities in America; and it is hereby enacted, that the principal or vice-principal, or in case of his or their death or absence, the senior professor who may be present, 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 corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diploma, if thought necessary for doing greater honour to such graduates, shall also be signed with the names of the different professors, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same; *Provided always*, that no student or students within the said college shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, or have their name inserted in any mandate for a degree, until such student or students have been first duly examined and thought worthy of the same, at a public examination of candidates, to be held one whole month previous to the day of commencement in the said college, by and in the presence of the said trustees, or of such number of them, not less than five, as the ordinances of the college may authorise for that purpose, and in the presence of any other persons choosing to attend the same; *And provided further*, that no person or persons, excepting the students belonging to the said seminary, shall ever be admitted to any honorary or other degree or degrees of the same, unless nineteen trustees, the principal of the college being present, by a mandate under the privy seal, and signed by the hands of the said nineteen trustees, to the principal, vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of said persons to said degree or degrees.