

CHAP. 70. the limits aforesaid, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers; and such constable shall and may have, take, exact and receive, such fees as the law in such case has directed.

CHAP. LXXI.

Passed Jan 12, 1805 *An Act to authorise William Du Bourg, and others, associated Professors of a Seminary of Learning in the vicinity of the City of Baltimore, to admit Students to Degrees, and to grant Diplomas.*
Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 647.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has always been considered necessary and proper that all flourishing seminaries of learning, in which a regular and full course of education is established to be taught, should have the power of granting diplomas, or honorary testimonials of the proficiency and merit of their students, as well from a principle of justice and advantage to the graduates, as with a view of publishing to the world the reputation of the seminaries themselves; therefore,

Professors authorised to hold commencements and grant diplomas.

2. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Du Bourg, and others, associated professors of a seminary of learning in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally, as the ordinances of the said seminary may direct, and at such commencements to admit any of the students in said seminary to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions, which are usually permitted to be conferred in any colleges or universities in America or Europe; and it is hereby enacted, that the said William Du Bourg, and others, associated professors in the said seminary, or a majority of them, shall make out, and sign with their names, diplomas or certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, and the same deliver to the graduates, as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; *Provided always*, that no student or students within the said seminary shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, until such student or students have been first duly examined and thought worthy of the same at a public examination of the candidates, of which one month's notice shall be given previous to said examination, and which examination shall be held six weeks previous to the day of commencement; *And provided also*, that no religious test or persuasion shall ever be considered as a requisite to the obtention of such degree or degrees.

Proviso.

To grant special certificates to students who go through a partial course of education.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the aforesaid William Du Bourg, and others, associated professors, are hereby authorised and empowered to grant special certificates to such students as shall go through a partial course of education in the said seminary, signed as aforesaid, provided such students shall undergo a public examination in manner directed for the graduates aforesaid; and the said William Du Bourg, and others, associated professors of the aforesaid seminary, shall have power and authority to make, possess and use, one great and public seal, and one lesser and privy seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they may think proper, and the same to alter, change, break and renew, at pleasure, which said great public seal shall be affixed to the diplomas granted to graduates who shall have gone through a full and regular course of educa-