

CHAP. 53.

Public commence-
ments may be held
—diplomas, &c.

12. AND, for animating and encouraging the students of said college to a laudable diligence, industry and progress, in medical science, BE IT ENACTED, That the said regents, and their successors, shall, by a written mandate, under their privy seal, and the hand of their president or vice-president, have full power and authority to direct the medical faculty of the said college to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally, as the future ordinances of the said institutions may direct, and at the said commencements to admit any of the students of the said college, meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the said mandate,) to the office and profession of surgeon, or to the degree of bachelor or doctor of medicine; and it is hereby enacted, that the president or vice-president shall make out and sign, with his name, diplomas and certificates of the admission to such offices or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or greater seal of the college or corporation, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diploma or certificate, if thought necessary for doing greater honour to such graduates, shall also be signed by the names of the different professors or lecturers, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same; *Provided always*, that no student or students within the said college shall be admitted to any such offices or degrees, or have their names inserted in any mandate for that purpose, until such students shall have been first duly examined and thought worthy of the same, at a public examination of candidates to be held previous to the day of commencement in the said college, by and in the presence of the regents and other persons choosing to attend the same, and shall also have undergone such previous private examinations, and have performed such exercises, as shall be prescribed by the future ordinances of the college; *And provided further*, that no student or students in the said college shall be admitted to the degree of doctor of medicine, unless he or they shall have attended lectures in the said college during two terms, and shall, during that period, have attended each of the lectures prescribed by the ordinances for at least one term, and shall also have written, and caused to be printed, a thesis or theses in the Latin or English language, and shall publicly defend the same on the day of commencement; but the regents of the college shall, at any time, have power to consider the having attended lectures in any other medical seminary, of established reputation, for an equal space of time, as equivalent to having attended one of the terms above prescribed.

Provisions.

Degree of doctor
of medicine may
be conferred.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the regents shall, at any time, have the power of conferring the honorary degree of doctor of medicine on any physician who has practised physic for twenty years within the state of Maryland, and of conferring the honorary degree of bachelor of medicine on any one who has practised physic for ten years within the same.

Licentiate may
demand certi-
ficates.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every licentiate of the board of medical examiners who shall have practised physic for five years within this state, shall have a right to demand and receive from the college aforesaid a surgeon's certificate, free of all expense, except the sum of one dollar to the register or other such officer of the college, for his trouble in making out the same.