

CHAP. 134. convenient, professors, teachers and assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said M-Donough Charity Schools in the English language, and such sciences and branches of education as they shall think proper and suitable to be taught therein, and to make fundamental ordinances and regulations for the good government of the said schools, and the instruction of the youth as aforesaid, and by these ordinances to appoint such a number of their own body, less than seven, as they may think proper, to be a quorum or committee for transacting all necessary and general business of the said schools, and making temporary rules for the management thereof, and also, by the said ordinances, to delegate to the professors and teachers such powers and authorities as they shall think expedient for the standing government and discipline of the said schools, and the execution of the regulations of the same, and also by the said ordinances to make such regulations for the direction, visitation and examination, of the said schools, and the students and scholars therein, as shall best promote the important objects of the institution; *Provided always*, that the said ordinances be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state.

Proviso.

Trustees to meet at least four times in every year— their powers.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, 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, 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 schools, and the wholesome execution of their ordinances; and generally to manage the estate and concerns of the said schools, in like manner as is usually done for the advancement and advantage of similar institutions.

Before any trustee proceeds to execute the trusts delegated to him, he shall take an oath.

13. 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 well, truly and faithfully, execute and perform the duties of a trustee of the said schools, 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 filed among their proceedings.

Report of their proceedings to be made annually to orphans court.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall, on the first Monday of January in each and every year, report their proceedings, and the state of the schools, to the orphans court of Charles county, 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