corporation duly incorporated by certificate, recorded Powers. in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, shall have power to establish branches of the said University in the City of Baltimore, to hold, or to purchase and hold, all property in said city, needed for the successful conducting of the branches of the said university in said city, and to keep and maintain a principal office in said city for the conduct of the business of the said university.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said "the Johns Hopkins University," shall have power to admit students of the said University, who shall merit the Powers. distinction to the office and profession of surgeon, or to the degree of doctor of medicine, or or doctor of laws, or of bachelor, or master of arts; to grant to students in such university, such certificates of pro- Grant certifificiency and attainments in any special study, as the said university may see proper to confer; and to grant the honorary degrees of doctor of laws, doctor of medicine, and master of arts, or such other degrees as may be proper, to any person who may merit such distinction, whether such person be a student of such university or not.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take In force. effect from its passage.

Approved March 22, 1876.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT to repeal chapter one hundred and ninetynine, of the acts passed January session eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "an act to authorize the construction of fire-proof vaults in the Court House in Easton," and to enact the following in lieu thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That chapter one hundred and ninety-nine