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VIII.

terminations, such number of the said visitors and governors duly met (provided they be not less than seven) shall be a quorum, as the fundamental ordinances at first, or any time afterwards, duly enacted by a majority of the whole visitors, shall fix and determine."

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dinances, &c.

X. **And be it enacted**, That a majority of the said visitors and governors for the time being, when duly assembled, at any quarterly or other meeting, upon due notice given to the whole body of visitors and governors, shall have full power and authority to make fundamental ordinances for the government of the said college, and the instruction of the youth as aforesaid; and by these ordinances to appoint such a number of their own body, not less than seven, as they may think proper, to be a quorum for transacting all general and necessary business of the said seminary, and making temporary rules for the government of the same; and also by the said fundamental ordinances, to delegate 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 the execution of the ordinances and rules of the same; provided always, that they be not repugnant to the form of government, or any law of this state.

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XI. **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 visitors and governors, and their successors, shall, by a written mandate under their privy seal, and the hand of some one of the visitors and governors 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 may direct; and at such commencements to admit any of the students in the said college, or any other persons meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the said 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 or Europe; and it is hereby enacted, that the principal, or in case of his death or absence the vice-principal, and in case of the death or absence of both, 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 said corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diplomas, 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.

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XII. **Provided always**, That no student or students within the said college shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, nor have their names 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 visitors and governors, or of such quorum of them, not less than seven, as the ordinances of the college may authorize 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 in the same, unless thirteen of the visitors and governors (of whom the president shall be one) by mandate under their privy seal, and signed by the hands of the whole thirteen, to the principal, vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of such person to said degree or degrees.

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cres of land,
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XIII. **And be it enacted**, That the visitors of Kent county school may set aside and appropriate ten acres of the land belonging to the said school, where they shall think most convenient, for erecting necessary buildings for carrying on the said college, and laying out gardens and grounds for the recreation and refreshment