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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 shall direct, and at such commencements to admit any of the students of the said college, or any other person meriting the same (whose names shall be severally inserted in the same 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. *And it is hereby enacted,* That the principal, or vice-principal, or in case of his or their death or absence, 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 corporation or college and deliver to the graduates, as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diploma, if thought necessary, for doing greater honor 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: *Provided always,* That no student or students within the said seminary shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, or have their name 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 trustees, or of such number of them, not less than five, as the ordinances of the college may authorise for that purpose, and in the presence of any other persons choosing to attend the same: *And provided further,* That no person or persons, except the students belonging to the said seminary, shall be ever admitted to any honorary or other degree or degrees of the same, unless two thirds of the trustees, the principal of the college being present, by a mandate under the privy seal, and signed by the hand of two thirds of the said trustees, to the principal vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of said persons to said degree or degrees.

Provide.

The principal ex-officio a trustee

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted,* That the principal for the time being, shall be considered *ex officio* a trustee, and is hereby vested with all the right thereto appertaining.

Belle Air academy invested with all the foregoing powers.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, and until such time as funds can be raised, and suitable buildings erected for the contemplated seminary, the Belle Air academy, which has for some time past been conducted by the Reverend R. H. Davis, in the town of Belle Air, with distinguished reputation and greatly to the advantage of the community, shall be constituted into the institution intended by this act, and the same is hereby so constituted, and the said Rev. R. H. Davis continued the principal