

ration an institution of learning was begun at Union Bridge, Carroll County, in the State of Maryland, and there conducted under the auspices of the Church of the Brethren, formerly called the German Baptist Brethren Church; and whereas the growth of said institution and nature of the course in education now afforded justify an increase in the corporate powers of said corporation; therefore.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the corporate name and title of "The Maryland Collegiate Institute of Union Bridge, Carroll County," be altered and changed to that of "The Blue Ridge College."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation, under the name of the said "The Blue Ridge College," shall have perpetual succession.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the trustees and their successors shall have full power and authority to have, make and use one common and public seal, and likewise one privy seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and to ascertain, fix and regulate the use of both seals by their own laws, and the same seals, or either of them, to change, break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That for stimulating and encouraging the students of said College to diligence, industry and progress in useful literature, arts and science, and for conferring honors upon deserving persons and learned in literature and the arts, science and professions, the said Trustees and their successors shall, by a written mandate, under their privy seal and the hand of some one of their Trustees, to be chosen annually, as their President, according to the ordinances made for that purpose, have full power and authority to direct the President and Professors, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days or occasionally, as the future ordinances of the said College shall direct, and at such commencements to admit any of the students of said College, or any other person meriting the same (whose names shall be severally inserted in the mandate), to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions to which persons are usually admitted in any other college in America.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President, or, in case of his death or absence, the Senior Professor who may be present, shall make out and sign with his name, diplomas, certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or great seal of the corporation or College and delivered to the graduates as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diploma, if