

Public commencement.

Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That for animating and encouraging the students of the said college to laudable diligence, industry and progress in useful literature and science, 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 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 in 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 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.

Diplomas.

Sec. 13. *And be it 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 great seal of the corporation or college and delivered to the graduates as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diploma, if thought necessary for doing greater honor to such graduate, shall also be signed with the names of the President or Trustees and 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 names inserted in any mandate for a degree until such student or students have been duly examined and thought worthy of the same at a public examination of candidates, to be held previous to the day of commencement, 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 authorize for that purpose, and in the presence of any other person choosing to attend the same; *and, provided further*, that no person or persons, except the students belonging to the said

Provisos.