

CHAP. 183. notice given to the whole body, shall have full power and authority to make fundamental ordinances for the government of said college, and the instruction of youth as aforesaid, and the same to repeal, alter or change at pleasure, and by their ordinances to appoint from time to time, such a number of their own body, not less than three, 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 same fundamental ordinances, to delegate the principal and professors such powers and authority as they may think best for the standing government of the said seminary, and for the execution of the ordinances and rules of the same, and for animating and encouraging the students of said college to a laudible diligence, industry and progress in useful literature and science.

Public commencement.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted.* That the said president, visitors and their successors, shall by a written mandate under the hand of their president, according to the ordinance to be made for that purpose, have full power and authority to direct the principal and professors to hold [pub] commencements, either on stated 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 to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences and liberal professions, except doctors of medicine, to which they are usually admitted in other colleges or universities in the United States, and it is hereby enacted, that the principal or in case of his death 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 seal of the corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diplomas if thought necessary for greater honor to such graduate, 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 college shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees or have their name invested 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 previous to the day of commencement in the said college, by and in the presence of said president and visitors, or such number of them not less than a majority, as the ordinance of the college may authorize for that purpose, and in the presence of any other persons choosing to attend the same.

Degrees—diplomas.

Examinations.

Explanatory

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this charter and act of incorporation, and as part thereof, every act and part of an act heretofore passed, touching or concerning the Frederick county school, so far as the same may be now in force, and not re-