

CHAP. 167. St. Mary's College, the said John B. Purcell to be continued as Principal, and the said Francis B. Jamesson as Vice Principal thereof.

Principal & vice-principal.

Religious toleration

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That said College shall be founded and continued forever upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honors of the college, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular place of religious worship or service, other than that they have been educated in, or have the consent of their parents or guardians to attend, nor shall any preference be given in the choice of Professor, Master or Tutor, in said college, on account of his particular religious profession, but regard shall be had solely to his moral character, literary abilities, and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he shall be chosen.

Powers granted the principal and vice principal.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That said Principal and Vice Principal, shall have full power and authority, to make fundamental ordinances and by laws (not repugnant to the form of government or any law of this state) for the government of said college and the instruction of youth as aforesaid, and shall have power and authority to appoint, from time to time such Professors, Tutors, Masters and Assistants as they shall think most proper and convenient, for instructing the students and scholars of said college in all the liberal arts and sciences, and in the ancient and modern tongues and languages, who shall be severally stiled Professors of such arts, sciences, languages or tongues, as they shall be nominated and appointed for, according to each particular nomination and appointment; and the said Principal and Vice Principal, students, scholars, and such necessary ministers and servants as give constant attendance on the business of said college, shall be exempted from all rates and taxes on their salaries and from military duties, except in case of an actual invasion of the state and military law is declared.

Exempted from taxes and military duty.

Corporate seal.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That said Principal and Vice Principal, shall have full power and authority, to have, make and use one common and public seal, with all such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and to ascertain, fix and regulate the uses of said seal, by their own laws, and the same seal to change, break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

Confer degrees—diplomas.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the said institution by the name and title of Mount Saint Mary's College, shall immediately have, and is hereby invested with, full power to confer on its deserving pupils, collegiate honors, and the degrees of bachelor and master of arts, and of doctors, except doctors of medicine, and it is hereby enacted, that said Principal and Vice Principal, shall have full power and authority, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally,

Examination.