

nary, and the students and scholars therein, as shall best promote the important objects of the institution; provided always, that the said ordinances be not repugnant to the constitution and the laws of this state.

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VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall meet at least four times in every year in stated quarterly meetings, to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other times as by their said ordinances, or by their own adjournments, they may direct, and when so assembled, they shall have power, from time to time, to appoint a president, treasurer and secretary, to make contracts with the professors or teachers relative to the instruction of the scholars to be placed under their care, and for the payment of their salaries, to examine the progress of the students and scholars in their learning, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline and government of the said academy, and the execution of their ordinances, and generally, to manage the estate and concerns of the said seminary in such manner as they shall deem best for the advancement and advantage of the institution.

Meet four
times a year,
&c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any trustee appointed in virtue of this act shall proceed to execute the trusts and authorities hereby delegated, he shall qualify before some magistrate, by taking an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that he will truly and faithfully execute and perform the duties of a trustee of the said academy, without partiality or prejudice, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and agreeably to the directions of this act; and a certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by the magistrate, and be filed among their proceedings.

And take an
oath, &c.

C H A P. LXIII.

An ACT to establish pilots, and regulate their fees.

Passed 7th of
January, 1804.
Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary for the safety and preservation of vessels bound from this state to sea, or coming into Chesapeake bay and bound up any river of this state, or some port thereof, that able and experienced pilots should be established to conduct and pilot such vessels, for reasonable fees, to their several moorings, and that ignorant and unskilful persons should be prevented from undertaking such pilotage;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That James Clarke, John Hollins, Thomas Moore, Thomas Tennant and Gilbert Middleton, or any three or more of them, be and hereby are appointed a board, to examine any person who shall desire to be admitted a pilot, he first producing a certificate from the court of the county where he resides of his honesty and good behaviour, and paying to the said board the sum of four dollars, and to the register of the board seventy-five cents, and if, upon public examination, the person shall appear to the board of sufficient ability, skill and experience, they shall grant him one of three kind of warrants of appointment and licence, according to the qualification of such person, thereby authorising such person for one year from the date of such warrant, either to pilot vessels of any draught of water, or vessels not exceeding twelve feet draught, or vessels not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving a warrant of appointment and licence agreeably to this act, shall thereafter be reputed a lawful pilot; but no person shall be entitled to receive a warrant as aforesaid as a first rate pilot, unless he hath employed himself at least three years in the business of piloting vessels of any draught, or unless he hath served at least four years as an apprentice to the business of piloting; and every pilot shall renew his warrant of licence every year, in the month of April or May, and that no renewals shall be granted at any other time, or new licence applied for, unless the pilot had been carried to sea, or confined by sickness, so as to prevent his application within that period; and every first rate pilot shall pay two dollars, and every second rate pilot one dollar and fifty cents, and every third rate pilot one dollar, to the register of the board for every renewal; and the board may renew any licence or not as they may think proper.

Examiners ap-
pointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every member of the said board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant as a pilot under this act, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, (to be administered by any justice of the peace,) to wit: "I, — —, do swear, (or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm,) that I will impartially examine and inquire into the capacity, skill and experience, of any applicant or applicants, in the art of piloting in Chesapeake bay, and the rivers thereof, and will admit them as I find them qualified, or reject them if I shall find them unqualified, without favour, affection or reward."

Who shall take
an oath, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said board may make and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same at their pleasure, and may appoint a register, who shall enter in a book to be pro-

And make a
seal, &c.