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institutions may direct, and at the said commencements to admit any of the students of the said college, meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the said mandate,) to the office and profession of surgeon, or to the degree of bachelor or doctor of medicine; and it is hereby enacted, that the president or vice-president shall make out and sign, with his name, diplomas and certificates of the admission to such offices or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or greater seal of the college or corporation, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diploma or certificate, if thought necessary for doing greater honour to such graduates, shall also be signed by the names of the different professors or lecturers, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same; provided always, that no student or students within the said college shall be admitted to any such offices or degrees, or have their names inserted in any mandate for that purpose, until such students shall 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 the regents and other persons choosing to attend the same, and shall also have undergone such previous private examinations, and have performed such exercises, as shall be prescribed by the future ordinances of the college; and provided further, that no student or students in the said college shall be admitted to the degree of doctor of medicine, unless he or they shall have attended lectures in the said college during two terms, and shall, during that period, have attended each of the lectures prescribed by the ordinances for at least one term, and shall also have written, and caused to be printed, a thesis or theses in the Latin or English language, and shall publicly defend the same on the day of commencement; but the regents of the college shall, at any time, have power to consider the having attended lectures in any other medical seminary, of established reputation, for an equal space of time, as equivalent to having attended one of the terms above prescribed.

And confer honorary degrees, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the regents shall, at any time, have the power of conferring the honorary degree of doctor of medicine on any physician who has practised physic for twenty years within the state of Maryland, and of conferring the honorary degree of bachelor of medicine on any one who has practised physic for ten years within the same.

Licentiate may demand certificates, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every licentiate of the board of medical examiners who shall have practised physic for five years within this state, shall have a right to demand and receive from the college aforesaid a surgeon's certificate, free of all expense, except the sum of one dollar to the register or other such officer of the college, for his trouble in making out the same.

Right to confer degrees, when to take place, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the right of the said college to confer degrees shall not take place until professors shall have been appointed, and one course of lectures delivered upon the several branches of anatomy, chemistry, materia medica, and the practice of physic; provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the said regents from conferring, at any time, the honorary degrees before mentioned, or from admitting, at any time, to the degree of doctor of medicine, such persons as may be appointed professors in the college, on their performing such exercises and duties as may be prescribed by their ordinances.

Professors appointed, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That until further arrangements be made by the regents of the said college, John B. Davidge, M. D. and James Cocke, M. D. shall be joint professors of anatomy, surgery and physiology, George Brown, M. D. shall be professor of the practice and theory of medicine, John Shaw, M. D. shall be professor of chemistry, Thomas E. Bond, M. D. shall be professor of materia medica, and William Donaldson, M. D. shall be professor of the institutes of medicine; and the said professors, or any three of them, shall appoint the time and place of the first meeting of the regents of the said college, giving one week's notice of it in two news-papers published in the city of Baltimore.

Who have completed a term, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all students who matriculate in the said college previous to the first day of January, and attend any of the lectures therein to the end of the course, shall be considered as having completed a term.

Faculty considered as the patrons, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the medical and chirurgical faculty in the state of Maryland shall be considered as the patrons and visitors of the said college, and their president, for the time being, shall be chancellor of the college; and the medical faculty of the said college shall give into the said medical and chirurgical faculty, at each of their biennial meetings, a report of the progress of learning in the said college, and of such other particulars as they shall think fit to communicate.