

sign with his name, diplomas or certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or greater seal of the said corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diplomas, if thought necessary, for doing greater honour to such graduates, shall also be signed with the names of the different professors, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same.

IX. No student or students within the said College shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees until such student or students have duly fulfilled all the requirements for such a degree or degrees, as established by the faculty of the College with the approval of the Visitors and Governors.

X. The ordinances which shall be from time to time made by the Visitors and Governors of the said College, and their successors, with an account of their other proceedings, and of the management of the estate and monies committed to their trust, shall, when required, be laid before the General Assembly of Maryland, for their inspection and examination; but in case at any time hereafter, through oversight, or otherwise through misapprehensions and mistakes, constructions of the powers, liberties and franchises, in this charter or act of incorporation granted or intended to be granted, any ordinances should be made by the said Visitors and Governors of said corporation, or any matters done and transacted by the corporation, contrary to the tenor hereof, it is enacted, that although all such ordinances, acts and doings, shall in themselves be null and void, yet they shall not, however, in any courts of law, or by the General Assembly, be deemed, taken, interpreted or adjudged into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act of incorporation, but the same shall be and remain unhurt, inviolate and entire unto the said corporation in perpetual succession; and all its acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof shall be and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

XI. The said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, shall have all the general powers granted to corporations under the Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, and ~~that~~ this charter and act of incorporation and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged, in all cases, most favorably on the behalf and for the best benefits and behoof of the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science and virtue.

XII. No person shall act as Visitor or Governor, or as president, administrative officer or officers of instruction in the said College before he shall take the oath of fidelity and support to this state.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the tenure of any member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College at the time this Act becomes effective. All such memberships shall continue as if this Act had not been passed. If there is any conflict between the terms of this Act and the qualifications of the members of said Board at the time this*