

county, Thomas Cradock, Thomas Love, John Cromwell, Philip Trapnell and Christopher Todd, of Baltimore county, Perry E. Noel, Stephen Theodore Johnion, Tristram Thomas and Annalls Martin, of Talbot county, Levin Irvin, Arnold Elzey, Ezekiel Haynie, John Woolford and Matthias Jones, of Somerset county, Edward White, James Sulivane, Dorsey Wyvill, William Hays and Howes Goldsborough, of Dorchester county, Abraham Mitchell, William Miller, Elisha Harrison, John Grome and John King, of Cæcil county, Richard J. Ducket, William Beanes, junior, William Marshall, William Baker and Robert Pottinger, of Prince George's county, Upton Scott, James Murray, John Thomas Shaaff and Reverdy Ghifelin, of the city of Annapolis, James Davidson, John Wells, Samuel Thompson, Robert Goldsborough and John Thomas, of Queen-Anne's county, John Neille, Thomas Fasset, George Washington Purnell, John Purnell and John Huston, of Worcester county, Philip Thomas, Francis Brown Sappington, William Hilleary, John Tyler and Joseph Sim Smith, of Frederick county, John Archer, Thomas H. Birkhead, Elijah Davis and Thomas Archer, of Hartford county, Jesse Downes, John Young, junior, Benjamin Keene, Joseph Price and Henry Helm, of Caroline county, George Brown, John Coulter, Miles Little John, George Buchanan, Lyde Goodwin, Ashton Alexander, Arthur Pue, Daniel Moores and Henry Stevenson, of the city of Baltimore, Richard Pindell, Samuel Young, Peter Waltz, Jacob Schnievley and Zachariah Clagett, of Washington county, Edward Gantt, Charles Worthington, Joseph Hall, Zadok Magruder, junior, James Anderson and Charles A. Beauty, of Montgomery county, Benjamin Murrow, James Forbes and George Lynn, of Allegany county, and such persons as they may from time to time elect, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by and under the name and title of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, and by and under the same name and title they shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or for less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stock, registered debts, or other public securities within this state, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, and apply to such purposes as they may adjudge most conducive to the promoting and disseminating medical and surgical knowledge, or to alleviating the calamities and miseries of their fellow-citizens; provided nevertheless, that the said faculty or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars *per annum*. 1798. c. 105, § 2.

2. The members of the said faculty above designated may and shall hold their first meeting at the city of Annapolis on the first Monday in June next, or as soon thereafter as a number not less than fifteen of them can be convened, at which meeting they may appoint a president, a secretary and treasurer, make a common seal, and may elect into their body such medical and chirurgical practitioners within this state as they may think qualified to become members of the faculty. Ibid. § 3.

3. It shall and may be lawful for the said medical faculty, or any number of them then attending, (not less than fifteen,) to elect by ballot twelve persons of the greatest medical and chirurgical abilities in the state, who shall be stiled the Medical Board of Examiners for the State of Maryland, seven of whom shall be residents of the western and five of the eastern shore of Maryland, whose duty it shall be to grant licences to such medical and chirurgical gentlemen as they, either upon a full examination, or upon the production of diplomas from some respectable college, may judge adequate to commence the practice of the medical and chirurgical arts, each person so obtaining a certificate to pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be fixed on or ascertained by the faculty. Ibid. § 4.

4. Any five of the examiners appointed for the western, and any three of those appointed for the eastern shore, shall constitute a board on their respective shores for examining such candidates as may apply on the said shores respectively, and shall subscribe their names to each certificate by them granted, which certificate shall be also countersigned by the president of the faculty, & have the seal of the faculty affixed thereto by the secretary, upon the payment into