

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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.

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First meeting to be at Annapolis, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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 styled The Medical Board of Examiners for the State of Maryland, seven of whom shall be resident 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.

Faculty to elect twelve persons, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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, and have the seal of the faculty affixed thereto by the secretary, upon the payment into the hands of the treasurer of the sum of money to be ascertained as above by the faculty; and any one of said examiners may grant a licence to practise until a board, in conformity to this act, can be held.

Five examiners to be a board, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the appointment of the aforesaid medical board, no person, not already a practitioner of medicine or surgery, shall be allowed to practise in either of the said branches and receive payment for his services, without having first obtained a licence, certified as by this law directed, under the penalty of fifty dollars for each offence, to be recovered in the county court where he may reside by bill of presentment and indictment, one half for the use of the faculty, and the other for that of the informer.

No person to practise without licence, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person who, upon application, shall be elected a member of the medical faculty, shall pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be ascertained by the faculty.

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IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said medical faculty be and they are hereby empowered, from time to time, to make such by-laws, rules and regulations, as they may find requisite; to break or alter their common seal; to fix the times and places for their general meetings, for the meetings of the board of examiners, the modes and times of electing officers, filling up vacancies in the medical board, and to do and perform such other things as may be requisite for carrying this act into execution, and which may not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or the United States.

Faculty to make by-laws, &c.

C H A P. CVI.

An ACT respecting writs of *habeas corpus*. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 226. Passed 20th of Jan. 1799.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several county courts in this state, during their respective sittings, and at all other times the chief justice of the several districts respectively, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon application, to issue their writ of *habeas corpus*, and cause to be brought before them, any person or persons who are or shall be in confinement within their respective jurisdictions, and to inquire into the cause of such confinement, and either discharge, admit to bail, or commit such person or persons, as the case may require, in the same manner as is now practised by the judges of the general court.

Courts, &c. may issue writs, &c.