

and teachers, in schools and seminaries of learning in general; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of any visitor and governor of the said college, or of the principal, vice-principal, or any professor or master, on account of his religious persuasions, but merely on account of his literary and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he is chosen.

C H A P.
VIII.

V. And be it enacted, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be empleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges, or justices, within this state and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters, and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be; and all and every other matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, or any of the United States of America, in like cases may or can do.

Visitors may
sue, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to have, make, and use, one common and public seal, and likewise one privy seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper; and to ascertain, fix, and regulate, the uses of both seals by their own laws, and the same seals, or either of them, to change, break, alter, and renew, at their pleasure.

Have seals,
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said visitors and governors, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter for ever, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint, in such manner as they shall think best and most convenient, a principal and vice-principal of the said college, and professors, with proper tutors and assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said seminary in all the liberal arts and sciences, and in the ancient and modern tongues and languages; who shall be severally stiled professors of such arts, sciences, languages, or tongues, as they shall be nominated and appointed for, according to each particular nomination and appointment; and the said principal, vice-principal, and professors, so constituted and appointed from time to time, shall be known and distinguished for ever, as one learned body or faculty, by the name of the principal, vice-principal, and professors, of Washington college, in the state of Maryland, and by that name shall be capable of exercising such powers and authorities as the visitors and governors of the said college, and their successors, shall by their ordinances think necessary to delegate to them, for the instruction, discipline, and government, of the said seminary, and of all the students, scholars, ministers, and servants, belonging to the same; and the said principal and vice-principal, professors, students, scholars, and such necessary ministers and servants as give constant attendance upon the business and duties of the college, shall be exempted from all rates and taxes on their salaries, and from all military duties, except in the case of actual invasion of the state, and when general military law is declared.

Appoint a
principal, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of the said college and corporation, shall not exceed

Yearly value
of estate not
to exceed
£ 6000, &c.