

present, shall make out, and 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. **Provided always,** That no student or students within the said college shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, nor have their names inserted in any mandate for a degree, until such student or students have been first duly examined and thought worthy of the same, at a public examination of candidates, to be held one whole month previous to the day of commencement in the said college, by and in the presence of the said visitors and governors, or of such quorum of them, not less than seven, as the ordinances of the college may authorise for that purpose, and in the presence of any other persons choosing to attend the same; **and provided further,** That no person or persons, excepting the students belonging to the said seminary, shall ever be admitted to any honorary or other degree or degrees in the same, unless thirteen of the visitors and governors (of whom the president shall be one) by mandate under their privy seal, and signed by the hands of the whole thirteen, to the principal, vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of such person to said degree or degrees.

Proviso.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That the visitors of Kent county school may set aside and appropriate ten acres of the land belonging to the said school, where they shall think most convenient, for erecting necessary buildings for carrying on the said college, and laying out gardens and grounds for the recreation and refreshment of the youth, and other suitable exercises; and the remainder of the grounds belonging to the said Kent county school may and shall be leased out by the visitors of the said school for the time being, and by the visitors and governors of the said college, after the same shall be established, in leases for lives or ninety-nine years, or on any other leases that may be judged most beneficial for advancing the cause of learning and promoting the said college, agreeable to the original design for which the said Kent county school was founded, and for which the said school lands were purchased.

May appropriate ten acres of land, &c.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That 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 corporation of visitors and governors, 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,

Ordinances, &c. to be laid before the general assembly, &c.