number of them making a quorum, not less than nine, as the future ordinance of the said corporation may constitute, authorise and appoint, for that purpose; provided also, that one of the said board be the president of the said corporation, as herein before mentioned; and provided also, 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 nine of the trustees and governors of the said college, (making a quorum as aforesaid, of whom the president of the said corporation shall be one,) by a mandate under the seal of the corporation, signed by the hands of each of them, to the principal, vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of such person or persons to the degree or degrees for which they may respectively apply.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That in case at any time hereafter through oversights, misapprehension, or mistaken construction of the powers, liberties and franchises, in this charter or act of incorporation granted, or intended to be granted, or otherwise, any ordinance or ordinances should be made by the said corporation, or any matters or things done and transacted by them, contrary to the tenor thereof, it is hereby declared, that although such ordinance or ordinances, act and doings, shall in themselves be null and void, nevertheless they shall not 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 and entire unto the said corporation, in perpetual succession; and all their acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof, shall be and remain in full force and virtue, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal act or acts to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

> Acts done, not to occasion a forfeiture, &c.

XIV. **And be it enacted,** That this charter and act of incorporation, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all respects in law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be held, taken, construed, respected and adjudged, in all cases, disputes and controversies, most favourably, and for the best benefit and behoof, of the said trustees 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, among the students and scholars of and belonging to the said seminary of learning.

> Charter to be good, &c.

XV. **And be it enacted,** That in case of the death or refusal to act of any person or persons named and appointed trustee or trustees by this act, then and in such case those trustees who accept and attend at the first, or any other annual meetings, (provided not less than nine, making a quorum, attend as aforesaid,) are hereby authorised and empowered to nominate, elect and appoint, in the manner before prescribed, other persons as trustees in their stead, whose election and appointment shall be as valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the same persons had been nominated and appointed by this act, any thing herein to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

> How vacancies are to be filled.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That no person shall act as trustee and governor, or as principal or vice-principal, or as professor or tutor, in the said college, before he shall have taken the oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and support to this state, and the United States, required by the constitution and laws of this state, and by the constitution of the United States.

> Trustees to take an oath.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT to ratify an amendment of the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states.

> Passed December 26.

WHEREAS it is provided by the fifth article of the constitution of the United States of America, that congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said

> Preamble.