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Students—religious tenets shall not disqualify—provost, &c.

faculties or colleges, thus united, shall be, and they are hereby constituted an University, by the name and under the title of 'The University of Maryland.'

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said University shall be founded and maintained forever upon the most liberal plan, for the benefit of students of every country and every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the honors of the University, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, urging their attendance upon any particular plan of religious worship or service, nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a Provost, Professor, Lecturer, or other officer of the said University, on account of his particular religious professions, but regard shall be solely had to his moral character, and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he shall be chosen.

Body politic.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of the said four faculties, together with the provost of said University, and their successors, shall be, and are hereby declared to be one corporation and body politic, to have continuance forever, by the name and style of the "Regents of the University of Maryland;" and by that name shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, of enjoying to themselves and their successors, in fee, or for any lesser estate, any lands, tenements, hereditaments, annuities, provisions, goods, chattels and effects, of what kind, nature and quality whatsoever, and by whomsoever given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, confirmed or devised, and the same to grant, demise, alienate or dispose of in such manner as they shall judge most promotive of the interests of said University.

Privileges.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said regents and their successors, shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices, within the State, and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, pleas, cases and demands, of whatever kind, nature or form they be, and to do all and every other matter and thing hereby contemplated to be done, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, in like cases may or can do.

Valuation of messuages,

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements,