

Dec Ses 1817. which they may find to operate injuriously, until a meeting of said board shall take place.

To have seals.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees, 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.

May admit persons gratuitously.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, and their successors, are authorised, so far as their funds may warrant, to admit gratuitously, in whole or in part, as their respective cases may require, such person or persons as they may think proper, and that the trustees are authorised to receive subscriptions, donations and bequests, as a fund to meet the expenditures required in effecting this benevolent object, and to take such measures as they may conceive proper to augment said fund.

Commencements.

10. *And*, for animating and encouraging the students of the said college to a laudable diligence, industry and progress, in useful literature and science, *Be it enacted*, that the said trustees, and their successors, shall by a written mandate under the privy seal, and the hand of one of the trustees to be chosen annually as the president, according to the ordinance to be made for that purpose, have full power and authority to direct the president of the faculty, and professors, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally, as the future ordinances of the college shall direct, and at such commencement to admit any of the students of the said college, or any other persons meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the mandate,) to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions, to which persons are usually admitted into other colleges or universities in America.

Diplomas.

11. *And it is hereby enacted*, That the president, or in case of his death or absence, the senior professor who may be 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 corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diploma, 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, or have their name 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 the candidates, to be held one whole month previous to the day of commencement in said college, in the presence of the said trustees, or such number of them, not less than three, 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, except the students belonging to the said college, shall ever be admitted to any honorary, or other degree or degrees of the same, unless five trustees, the president of the college

Provisos.