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An act to incorporate the Newton University.  
Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and  
after the passage of this act the Seminary of Learning, in the City of Baltimore  
State of Maryland, known as the Maryland Institute, shall be and the same  
is hereby constituted a University under the name and title of the Newton Uni-  
versity.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the said <sup>University</sup> recognizing the Being and Government  
of Almighty God, shall be founded and continued on the plan of the great so-  
cial and political institutions of the United States having respect to the  
liberal and enlightened principles on which they are founded and that no rules,  
laws or regulations of a sectarian or party character either in Religion or  
politics shall ever be adopted, or imposed by which any student shall be subjec-  
ted or made liable to any disabilities or disadvantages whatever on account of his politics  
or religious opinions.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That Hon. Reverdy Johnson, Hon. Nicholas B.  
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 M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Karch, M<sup>r</sup> Howard & Meeks, M<sup>r</sup> John Patterson, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Poe, M<sup>r</sup> Simpson  
 Larned, M<sup>r</sup> George Baughman, M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Gentry, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bender, C. A.  
 Harris, M.D. Edward A. Morris, M.D. St. Charles Coale Esq., Jno S. Snyder, Esq., Enoch  
 Noyes, M.D., W<sup>m</sup> Rogers Esq., be and they hereby are appointed a board of Regents  
 of the said University, who with their successors in said office shall be con-  
 fided and whose duty it shall be to examine into the state of the Institution  
 and see that the requirements of this charter are fulfilled and to execute all the  
 powers, conferred upon the corporation by this act created, it shall be their  
 duty to meet at least once in each year, and oftener if occasion shall require at such  
 time and place as the president of the University, or in case that office shall be vac-  
 ant the Secretary of the Board of Regents, or any thirteen Regents ~~any~~ shall ap-  
 point and of which time and place, notice shall be given by the said President or the  
 said Secretary or the said thirteen Regents be given to each member in person  
 or by publication in some newspaper published in the said city of Bal-  
 timore, And when so met they shall have power from time to time to fill all  
 vacancies which may occur in their body, appoint such officers committees and  
 servants as may be necessary in the discharge of their own duties or for the interest  
 of the said University, and to transact all other business, now being and hereafter  
 to be done, in connection with their office, They shall be supervisors and visitors of  
 said University and shall attend to the examination of the students either as a  
 Board or by committees as occasion shall require, They shall at their first meeting  
 which shall be called by any thirteen of the said Regents of the said University  
~~elect by ballot~~ elect by ballot the person in their judgment the most competent to fill the  
 office of President they shall also elect by ballot annually one of their  
 number as Chancellor and another as vice Chancellor of the said University and



shall also elect some suitable person as secretary of the Board. Thirteen Regents shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all the business of the Board; except the removal from office of the President of said University, or of one of the Regents of the said University, or the repealing, modifying, or suspending of the laws, rules and regulations made by the Faculty of the said University. And the said Regents by a vote of three fourths of the whole board of Regents shall have power for cause by them deemed sufficient to be expressed in the vote to remove by resolution the President of the said University or any one of the Regents from office. Provided however, that no vote shall be taken on any such resolution for removal until reasonable notice thereof shall have been given to the party to be affected thereby and an opportunity afforded to him to make his defence. The said Regents shall have power to make and ordain such regulations and by laws as they shall find necessary for the management of the affairs of the said Corporation and the execution of the trust to them committed.

Section 4. And be it enacted, That the said Regents and their successors shall be and remain a corporation and body politic by the said name of the Newton University and shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have hold receive take and retain to them and their successors forever for the use and benefit of the said University property real personal and mixed by purchase gift grants devise bequest of and from any person or persons bodies corporate and politic capable in law of making the same provided always that the ~~amounts thereof shall be so limited as that the annual income thereof, to~~ the said University shall not at any time exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

Section 5<sup>th</sup>. And be it enacted That upon the death resignation or removal from office of the President of the said University his successor shall be appointed by the board of Regents.

Section 6<sup>th</sup>. And be it enacted That the President and Professors of the said University shall constitute the faculty thereof and shall have and exercise the government thereof with the care and management of all matters and affairs belonging thereto and shall have power to make and establish all such reasonable and proper laws rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law and constitution of this State, or of the United States as may

be necessary for the government instruction and education of the Students and the management of the said Institution and to alter and repeal the same from time to time as they may see fit Provided always that all such laws rules and regulations shall at all times be subject to be repealed modified or suspended by three fourths of the whole board of Regents.

Sect. 7<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted That the President of the said University shall ex officio be a member of the board of Regents and that he shall nominate and by and with the consent and advice of the board of Regents shall appoint as many Professors and teachers as the Regents may deem necessary to advance the cause of Education and the Welfare of the said University.

Section 8<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That the faculty and Regents of the said University shall have full power to confer the honorary degrees usually conferred in any of the colleges or universities either in America or Europe.

Section 9<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted That the Regents of the said University and their successors shall have full power to hold public commencements and to confer any degrees in any of the faculties arts and sciences and liberal professions to which they are usually admitted in any of the colleges or universities in America or Europe.



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Section 9. And be it enacted, That the faculty with the consent and approbation of the said Regents shall have power to confer the degree of Master of school keeping upon such students as upon examination in the presence of the Regents or a Committee by them appointed shall be found qualified to act as teachers and shall be found worthy of the honor, That all diplomas shall be signed by the President and attested by the Chancellor under the corporate seal of the said University and shall be countersigned by the Secretary of the said Board.

Sec 10.<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted That instruction both theoretical and practical shall be furnished at the said University in the art of school keeping. A register of the names of persons desiring to become teachers of Youth in the State of Maryland shall be kept in the Library of the said University. Trustees and other individuals who may wish to employ teachers shall have access to the said register together with all the particulars pertaining to the qualifications of the candidate for Teacher.

Sec 11.<sup>th</sup> And be it enacted, That the said Regents with the consent of the faculty of the said University shall have power to provide for the admission into the said University or its Grammar school gratuitously or at reduced prices of such meritorious indigent students of unexceptionable moral character from any grammar school, high school or preparatory school as are desirous of preparing for a professional life or for the duties of school keeping.

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Sect. 12, And be it enacted, That the said Newton University hereby incorporated shall be and hereby is authorised to establish and use a corporate seal and the same to break and alter at pleasure and that the said University shall sue and be sued in its said corporate name. →

Sect 13, And be it enacted that this Charter and every part thereof, shall be good and available in Law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be construed so as most effectually to answer the ~~valuation~~ <sup>valuable</sup> end of this act for the general advancement of useful knowledge science and virtue. →

Sect 14, And be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to authorise the said corporation to issue any note token device scrip or other evidence of debt to be used as currency. →

Sect 15, And be it enacted That all the property estate and joint stock of the said corporation shall be bound and answerable for any contracts or engagements made or liabilities incurred by a quorum of the said Regents or through their agency or by their authority, And the said Regents shall in no wise be answerable or liable therefor in their individual capacities or private estates, but the President of the said University for the time being shall be liable personally for all contracts made, or debts incurred by him for the benefit or use of the said University and all property held by the Regents for the benefit or use of the said University shall be liable for all contracts made or debts incurred by the said President as aforesaid, c

Sec 16. And be it enacted, That the State of Maryland reserves to itself  
the right to modify amend or repeal this act at any time,

By the House of Delegates

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1845

This engrossed bill, the original  
of which passed the House  
of Delegates Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1845  
was this day read and

apentec to

By order

J. G. Mearns

J. H. P. Smith

By the Senate

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1845

This engrossed bill, the original  
of which passed the Senate

March 6<sup>th</sup> 1845 was this

day read and

apentec to

By order

J. H. Nicholson