

Dec. Ses 1817 College, be established in the city of Baltimore, and that the said college shall be founded and maintained for ever, upon a plan the most liberal, for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honours of the college, according to their merit, under the direction of the following nine trustees, viz. George Roberts, Abner Neal, William Wilkins, jun. Philip Littig, William Baker, Samuel Harden, Moses Hand, Isaac N. Toy, and John Brice, jun. and their successors in office, who shall be duly elected in the manner hereinafter described and directed, who are hereby declared to be corporation and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name and style of The Trustees of Asbury College, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, as aforesaid, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, and other hereditaments, in fee simple, or for a term of years, life, lives, or otherwise, and also goods, chattels or effects, of whatever nature, quality, or kind soever, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, body politic or corporate, capable to make the same, or the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of said institution; *Provided always*, that the said trustees shall not possess at any one time, property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in nett yearly value the sum of five thousand dollars.

Proviso

Vacancies

President, secretary & treasurer to be appointed.

May sue and be sued, &c.

President, professors and tutors, to be appointed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation, or refusal to serve, of any of the trustees, then and in such case the remaining trustees shall, at their next meeting, proceed to vote by ballot, and elect and appoint another trustee or trustees in the place of those whose seats may have been vacated as aforesaid, in order to keep up the said number of nine trustees for ever, and the said trustees shall have power to expel any member for improper conduct.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees shall have full power and authority to appoint, out of their own body, a president of the board, treasurer and secretary; and in case of a vacancy in the presidency by death, or otherwise, they shall appoint one of their own body to fill such vacancy; and in case of the absence of the president at any meeting of the board, the trustees shall appoint a president *pro tempore*.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees, and their successors, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices, within this state, and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature, or form they be, and all and every other matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of like nature within this state may or can do.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter for ever, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint, in such manner as they shall think best and most convenient, a president, who shall be *ex officio* a trustee, and shall also appoint professors, with

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