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REVIEWED, AMENDED AND FINALLY  
ADOPTED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
IN APRIL 1794.

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED,

The CHARTER of INCORPORATION, the ACTS of the  
STATE confirming and altering the CHARTER and a  
LIST of the present TRUSTEES and FACULTY of the  
COLLEGE.

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*The* CHARTER of INCORPORATION of *the*  
*Trustees of the College of New-Jersey.*

GEORGE the second, by the grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c. to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting—

WHEREAS fundry of our loving subjects, well-disposed and publick-spirited persons, have lately, by their humble petition, presented to our trusty and well-beloved Jonathan Belcher, Esquire, governor and commander in chief of our province of New-Jersey in America, represented the great necessity of coming into some method for encouraging and promoting a learned education of our youth in New-Jersey, and have expressed their earnest desire that a college may be erected in our said province of New-Jersey in America, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said province and others,



others, wherein youth may be instructed in the learned languages and in the liberal arts and sciences. AND WHEREAS by the fundamental concessions made at the first settlement of New-Jersey by the lord Berkley and sir George Carteret, then proprietors thereof, and granted under their hands and the seal of the said province, bearing date the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-four, it was among other things conceded and agreed, that no freeman within the said province of New-Jersey should at any time be molested, punished, disquieted or called in question, for any difference in opinion or practice in matters of religious concernment, who do not actually disturb the civil peace of the said province; but that all and every such person or persons might, from time to time, and at all times thereafter, freely and fully have and enjoy his and their judgments and consciences in matters of religion throughout the said province, they behaving themselves peaceably and quietly and not using this liberty to licentiousness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others, as by the said concessions on record in the secretary's office at Perth-Amboy, in lib. 3, fol. 66, &c. may appear. Wherefore, and for that the said petitioners have also expressed their earnest desire that those of every religious denomination may have free and equal liberty and advantages of education in the said college, any different sentiments in religion notwithstanding, we being willing to grant the reasonable requests and prayers of all our loving subjects, and to promote a liberal and learned education among them, know ye therefore that we, considering the premises, and being willing for the future that the best means of education be established in our said province of New-Jersey, for the benefit and advantage of the inhabitants of our said province and others, do, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, by these presents, will, ordain, grant and constitute, that there be a college erected in our said province of New-Jersey, for the education of youth in the learned languages and in the liberal arts and sciences; and  
that



that the trustees of the said college and their successors for ever may and shall be one body corporate and politick, in deed, action and name, and shall be called and named and distinguished by the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW-JERSEY—And further, we have willed, given, granted, constituted and appointed, and by this our present Charter of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, we do, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant, constitute and ordain, that there shall be in the said college from henceforth for ever, a body politick, consisting of trustees of the said college of New-Jersey. And for the more full and perfect erection of the said corporation and body politick, consisting of trustees of the college of New-Jersey, we, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, create, make, ordain, constitute, nominate and appoint, the governor and commander in chief of our said province of New-Jersey, for the time being, and also our trusty and well-beloved John Reading, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, John Kinsey, Edward Shippen and William Smith, Esquires, Peter-Van-Brugh Livingston, William-Peartree Smith and Samuel Hazard, Gentlemen, John Pierfon, Ebenezer Pemberton, Joseph Lamb, Gilbert Tennent, William Tennent, Richard Treat, Samuel Blair, David Cowell, Aaron Burr, Timothy Jones, Thomas Arthur and Jacob Green, ministers of the gospel, to be trustees of the said college of New-Jersey. That the said trustees do, at their first meeting after the receipt of these presents, and before they proceed to any business, take the oaths appointed to be taken by an act, passed in the first year of the reign of the late king George the first, intituled, ‘ An Act for the further security of his majesty’s person and government, and the succession of the crown in the heirs of the late princess Sophia, being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors ;’ as also that they make and subscribe the declarations mentioned in



in an act of parliament, in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of king Charles the second, intituled, ‘ An Act for preventing ‘ dangers which may happen from popish recusants ;’ and likewise take an oath for faithfully executing the office or trust reposed in them, the said oaths to be administered to them by three of his majesty’s justices of the peace, *quorum unus* ; and when any new member or officer of this corporation is chosen, they are to take and subscribe the afore-mentioned oath and declarations before their admission into their trusts and offices, the same to be administered to them in the presence of the trustees by such person as they shall appoint for that service. That no meeting of the trustees shall be valid or legal for doing any business whatsoever, unless the clerk has duly and legally notified each and every member of the corporation of such meeting ; and that, before entering on any business, the clerk shall certify such notification under his hand to the board of trustees. That the said trustees have full power and authority, or any thirteen or greater number of them, to elect, nominate and appoint, and associate unto them, any number of persons as trustees upon any vacancy, so that the whole number of the trustees exceed not twenty-three, whereof the president of the said college for the time being, to be chosen as hereafter mentioned, to be one, and twelve of the said trustees to be always such persons as are inhabitants of our said province of New-Jersey : And we do further, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant and appoint, that the said trustees and their successors shall for ever hereafter be in deed, fact and name, a body corporate and politick ; and that they the said body corporate and politick shall be known and distinguished in all deeds, grants, bargains, sales, writings, evidences, muniments or otherwise howsoever, and in all courts for ever hereafter, plead and be impleaded, by the name of THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW-JERSEY. And that they the said corporation, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and in law capable, for the use of the said college, to have,

get,



get, acquire, purchase, receive and possess, lands, tenements, hereditaments, jurisdictions and franchises, for themselves and their successors, in fee simple or otherwise howsoever; and to purchase, receive or build any house or houses, or any other buildings, as they shall think needful or convenient for the use of the said college of New-Jersey, and in such place or places in New-Jersey as they the said trustees shall agree upon; and also to receive and dispose of any goods, chattels and other things of what nature soever, for the use aforesaid; and also to have, accept and receive any rents, profits, annuities, gifts, legacies, donations and bequests of any kind whatsoever, for the use aforesaid, so nevertheless that the yearly clear value of the premises do not exceed the sum of Two Thousand Pounds sterling: And therewith or otherwise to support and pay, as the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of such of them as according to provision herein afterwards are regularly convened for that purpose, shall agree and see cause, the president, tutors and other officers or ministers of the said college, their respective annual salaries or allowances, and all such other necessary and contingent charges as shall from time to time arise and accrue, relating to the said college; and also to grant, bargain, sell, let, set or assign, lands, tenements or hereditaments, goods or chattels, contract or do all other things whatsoever, by the name aforesaid, and for the use aforesaid, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as any natural person or other body corporate and politick is able to do, by the laws of our realm of Great-Britain or of our said province of New-Jersey: And of our further grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, to the intent that our said corporation and body politick may answer the end of their erection and constitution, and may have perpetual succession and continue for ever, we do for us, our heirs and successors, hereby will, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey, and to their successors for ever, that when any thirteen of the said trustees or of their successors are convened and met together as aforesaid,

for



for the service of the said college, the governor and commander in chief of our said province of New-Jersey, and in his absence the president of the said college, and in the absence of the said governor and president, the eldest trustee present at such meeting, from time to time shall be president of the said trustees in all their meetings; and at any time or times such thirteen trustees, convened and met as aforesaid, shall be capable to act as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if all the trustees of the said college were personally present; provided always, that a majority of the said thirteen trustees be of the said province of New-Jersey, except after regular notice they fail of coming, in which case those that are present are hereby empowered to act, the different place of their abode notwithstanding; and all affairs and actions whatsoever, under the care of the said trustees, shall be determined by the majority or greater number of those thirteen so convened and met together, the president whereof shall have no more than a single vote. And we do for us, our heirs and successors, hereby will, give and grant, full power and authority to any six or more of the said trustees to call meetings of the said trustees from time to time, and to order notice to the said trustees of the times and places of meeting for the service aforesaid. And also we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, will, give and grant to the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey, and to their successors for ever, that the said trustees do elect, nominate and appoint such a qualified person as they or the major part of any thirteen of them, convened for that purpose as above directed, shall think fit, to be the president of the said college, and to have the immediate care of the education and government of such students as shall be sent to and admitted into the said college for instruction and education; and also, that the said trustees do elect, nominate and appoint so many tutors and professors, to assist the president of the said college in the education and government of the students belonging to it, as they the said trustees or their successors, or the major part of  
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any thirteen of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, shall, from time to time, and at any time hereafter, think needful and serviceable to the interests of said college: And also, that the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, shall at any time displace and discharge from the service of the said college such president, tutors and professors, and to elect others in their room and stead; and also, that the said trustees or their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, do from time to time, as occasion shall require, elect, constitute and appoint a treasurer, clerk, an usher and a steward for the said college, and appoint to them and each of them their respective business and trusts, and displace and discharge from the service of the said college such treasurer, clerk, usher or steward, and to elect others in their room and stead; which president, tutors, professors, treasurer, clerk, usher and steward, so elected and appointed, we do for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, constitute and establish in their several offices, and do give them and every of them full power and authority to exercise the same in the said college of New-Jersey, according to the direction and during the pleasure of the said trustees, as fully and freely as any other the like officers in our universities or any of our colleges, in our realm of Great-Britain, lawfully may and ought to do: And also, that the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, as often as one or more of the said trustees shall happen to die, or by removal or otherwise shall become unfit or incapable according to their judgment to serve the interest of the said college, do as soon as conveniently may be, after the death, removal or such unfitness or incapacity of such trustee or trustees to serve the interest of the said college, elect and appoint such other trustee or trustees as shall supply the place of him or them so dying or otherwise becoming



coming unfit or incapable to serve the interest of the said college ; and every trustee so elected and appointed shall, by virtue of these presents, and of such election and appointment, be vested with all the powers and privileges which any of the other trustees of the said college are hereby invested with : And we do further, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, will, give and grant, and by these presents do, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey, that they and their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, which shall convene for that purpose as above directed, may make and they are hereby fully empowered from time to time freely and lawfully to make and establish such ordinances, orders and laws as may tend to the good and wholesome government of the said college, and all the students and the several officers and ministers thereof, and to the publick benefit of the same, not repugnant to the laws and statutes of our realm of Great-Britain or of this our province of New-Jersey, and not excluding any person of any religious denomination whatsoever from free and equal liberty and advantage of education, or from any of the liberties, privileges or immunities of the said college, on account of his or their being of a religious profession different from the said trustees of the said college ; and such ordinances, orders and laws, which shall be so as aforesaid made, we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, ratify, allow of and confirm, as good and effectual to oblige and bind all the said students and the several officers and ministers of the said college ; and we do hereby authorize and empower the said trustees of the college, and the president, tutors and professors by them elected and appointed, to put such ordinances and laws in execution, to all proper intents and purposes : And we do further, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, will, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey, that, for the encouragement of learning and animating the students of the said college

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to diligence, industry and a laudable progress in literature, they and their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, convened for that purpose as above directed, do, by the president of the said college for the time being, or by any other deputed by them, give and grant any such degree and degrees to any of the students of the said college, or to any others by them thought worthy thereof, as are usually granted in either of our universities or any other college in our realm of Great-Britain; and that they do sign and seal diplomas or certificates of such graduations, to be kept by the graduates as perpetual memorials or testimonials thereof: And further, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey and to their successors, that they and their successors shall have a common seal, under which they may pass all diplomas, certificates of degrees, and all other the affairs and business of and concerning the said corporation, or of and concerning the said college of New-Jersey, which shall be engraven in such form and with such inscription as shall be devised by the said trustees of the said college, or the major part of any thirteen of them, convened for the service of the said college as above directed. And we do further, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey and their successors, or the major part of any thirteen of them, convened for the service of the college as above directed, full power and authority from time to time to nominate and appoint all other inferior officers and ministers which they shall think to be convenient and necessary for the use of the college, not herein particularly named or mentioned, and which are accustomary in our universities or in any of our colleges in our realm of Great-Britain; which officers and ministers we do hereby empower to execute their offices or trusts as fully and freely as any other the like officers or ministers, in and of our universities or any other college, in our realm of



of Great-Britain, lawfully may or ought to do. And lastly, our express will and pleasure is, and we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey and to their successors for ever, that these our letters patent, or the enrolment thereof, shall be good and effectual in the law, to all intents and purposes, against us, our heirs and successors, without any other license, grant or confirmation from us, our heirs and successors, hereafter by the said trustees to be had or obtained; notwithstanding the not reciting or mis-recital, or not naming or mis-naming of the aforesaid officers, franchises, privileges, immunities, or other the premises, or any of them; and notwithstanding a writ of *ad quod damnum* hath not issued forth to inquire of the premises or any of them, before the enfealing hereof, any statute, act, ordinance or provision, or any other matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding; to have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the privileges, advantages, liberties, immunities, and all other the premises herein and hereby granted and given, or which are meant, mentioned or intended to be herein and hereby given and granted, unto them the said trustees of the said college of New-Jersey, and to their successors for ever. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of our said province of New-Jersey to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS our trusty and well-beloved JONATHAN BELCHER, Esquire, governor and commander in chief of our said province of New-Jersey, this fourteenth day of September, in the twenty-second year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight.



*An ACT for amending and establishing the  
Charter of the College of New-Jersey.*

**W**HEREAS the trustees of the college of New-Jersey, by their humble petition presented to the Legislature, have set forth, That his majesty George the second, king of Great-Britain, by his royal Charter of incorporation, under the great seal of the then province of New-Jersey, and bearing date the fourteenth day of September, in the twenty-second year of his reign, was pleased to incorporate sundry persons, to the number of twenty-three, by the name and style of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW-JERSEY;" and did thereby, among other things, grant unto them power and authority to erect, endow and govern, a college for the instruction of youth in the learned languages, and liberal arts and sciences, as by the said Charter of incorporation, recorded in the secretary's office at Perth-Amboy in book C, number 2, pages 196 to 204 inclusive, reference being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear: **AND** WHEREAS the said trustees, by their said petition, have prayed that the same Charter may be established and confirmed under the present happy constitution, with certain alterations and amendments, in their said petition mentioned and described: **AND** WHEREAS all wise legislatures have deemed the education of youth to be of the utmost importance to the prosperity of a state, and have taken institutions for that purpose established under their patronage and protection: **AND** WHEREAS the said college of New-Jersey hath been found greatly useful in diffusing as well the principles of political liberty, as of religion and literature, and many have thereby been fitted to fill distinguished places both in the civil and ecclesiastical departments of this and of the other United States, with advantage to the community, and honour and reputation to themselves: Therefore, for granting the prayer of the petition of the said trustees, so far forth as the same appears just and reasonable,



*Seci. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the Council and General Assembly of this state, and it is hereby Enacted by the authority of the same,* That the said Charter, with all and singular the advantages, privileges and immunities, and all other matters and things therein contained, such clauses and parts only excepted as are by this act repealed, altered or amended, is hereby established and confirmed; and shall for ever hereafter be held and esteemed as good and effectual in law, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as the same hath heretofore been held and esteemed, and as if the same were herein particularly recited; any misuser, nonuser, or any other default heretofore committed or suffered, notwithstanding.

2. *AND BE IT ENACTED by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees of the college of New-Jersey, and their successors, shall and may for ever hereafter have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the advantages, privileges and immunities, granted in the said Charter, and hereby confirmed unto them and their successors, in as full, ample and beneficial a manner, as if the same were given and granted to them by a law of this state, and as if every of the said advantages, privileges and immunities, were in the said law particularly enumerated and specified; any law, usage or custom, relating to Charters, notwithstanding.

3. *AND BE IT ENACTED by the authority aforesaid,* That the clause in the said Charter directing and requiring the said trustees and each of them, and every officer of the said corporation by them appointed, to take the oath of allegiance to the king of Great-Britain, and to make and subscribe the declaration as established by act of parliament under the former government, be, and it hereby is repealed, discontinued, annulled and made void; and in lieu thereof such of the said trustees or officers as are inhabitants of this state, and each of them, shall, at the next meeting of the said corporation after the passing of this act,  
or



or before they proceed further to execute their respective trusts and offices, take and subscribe the oaths or affirmations of allegiance and abjuration, as appointed and set forth in an act of the Council and General Assembly, intituled, "An act for the security of the government of New-Jersey," made and passed the nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, to be administered by any one justice of the peace of this state; and such of them as are inhabitants of any other of the United States shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of abjuration in manner as aforesaid, and shall also produce a certificate from some one justice of the peace of the state to which they may respectively belong, setting forth that they have taken the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the said state: And when any new member or officer of the said corporation shall be chosen, he shall take and subscribe the before mentioned oaths or affirmations, or take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of abjuration, and produce the certificate as aforesaid, before he is admitted to exercise his trust or office; the said oaths or affirmations to be administered, in presence of the said trustees, by the president of the said corporation for the time being.

4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees, and their successors, shall and may hold and enjoy any estate whatsoever, the clear yearly value whereof shall not exceed the value of twenty thousand bushels of wheat; any article or clause in the said Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 13, 1780.

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*A supplemental A C T to an A c t, intitled, ' An  
' A c t for amending and establishing the Char-  
' ter of the College of New-Jersey.'*

**W**HEREAS the trustees of the college of New-Jersey, by their petition to the legislature, have represented, that by their Charter of incorporation the number of thirteen trustees is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business relating to the said institution, to the great injury of their trust, by reason of the non-attendance of many of their members who live at a distance, and have prayed that the said quorum may be lessened; and have also set forth, that notwithstanding the laws heretofore made and provided, divers soldiers of the troops and militia of these United States are often billeted and quartered in the buildings and their appurtenances provided for the reception, convenience and improvement, of the students belonging to the said institution, to the great injury and destruction thereof: And as it is thought reasonable, in order to promote the ends of so valuable and important an institution, to grant the prayer of the petitioners;

*Se c t. I.* BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this state, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same,* That, from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any nine of the said trustees, or a greater number of them, to convene and meet together; and being so convened and met together, to form a board of the corporation instituted by the said Charter, and be in all things a sufficient quorum for the doing, performing and transacting all and every the duties and business of their said trust, to all intents and purposes whatever, as effectually as if thirteen of the said trustees had so met and convened together for the purposes aforesaid, and shall, for and during the continuance of this act, be taken and considered as a full quorum of the said trustees,



trustees, in as full and ample manner, and with the like powers, authorities and interests, as are given to and vested in thirteen of the said trustees, in and by their said Charter of incorporation, and shall be under the same directions, conditions, restrictions, provisos and limitations as to the benefit, conveniency and meetings of the said trustees, as are contained in the said Charter with respect to the quorum of thirteen trustees, aforesaid. *Provided always*, That the governor of this state for the time being, or in case of his death or absence, the president of the said college for the time being, and in case of the death or absence of both the said governor and president, then the eldest trustee of the said college, shall always be one of the said nine trustees so at any time constituting a quorum as aforesaid.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED *by the authority aforesaid*, That, from and after the passing hereof, if any magistrate, military officer, quarter-master, or any other person whatever, shall billet, quarter or place in, or cause to be billeted, quartered or placed in the said college or the steward's house adjoining thereto, any officer, soldier or other person belonging to or following the troops or militia of these United States, or either of them, without the consent of the said trustees or of some person or persons duly authorized by them; every such person so offending shall forfeit to and for the use of the said trustees and their successors the sum of Twenty Shillings for every such officer, soldier or other person so billeted, quartered or placed in the said buildings, and that for each and every day such officer, soldier or other person aforesaid, shall continue therein, the same to be recovered by the said trustees, or their lawful attorney, from the person so offending, together with the damages sustained and costs of suit, by action of debt in any court where the same may be cognizable.



3. AND BE IT ENACTED *by the authority aforesaid,*  
That this act, and every clause and article therein contain-  
ed, shall continue and be in force for the term of five  
years, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the  
General Assembly, and no longer.

Passed November 2, 1781.



*An ACT to continue an Act, intitled, ‘ A sup-  
‘ plemental Act to an Act, intitled, “ An Act  
“ for amending and establishing the Charter of  
“ the College of New-Jersey.”*

WHEREAS the act, intitled, ‘ A supplemental  
‘ act to an act, intitled, “ An act for amending  
“ and establishing the Charter of the college of New-  
“ Jersey,” passed at Trenton the second day of November,  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, will expire  
at the end of the next sitting of the General Assembly;  
and it being represented that important and valuable pur-  
poses will be answered to that institution by a continuance  
of that act, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly  
of this state, and it is hereby Enacted by the authority of the  
same,* That the said recited act, and every article and clause  
therein contained, except that part which limits the conti-  
nuation thereof, shall be, and the same is hereby declared  
to be continued in full force, any thing in the said act to the  
contrary notwithstanding.

Passed November 20, 1786.





*The TRUSTEES of the COLLEGE.*

HIS Excellency RICHARD HOWELL, Esquire, governor of the state of New-Jersey, president of the board, *ex officio*, when present.

JOHN WITHERSPOON, D. D. president of the college, and of the board, when the governor is absent.

ROBERT HARRIS, physician, eldest trustee, *Philadelphia*.

JOHN RODGERS, D. D. *New-York*.

WILLIAM SHIPPEN, M. D. *Philadelphia*.

ALEXANDER M'WHORTER, D. D. *Newark*, New-Jersey.

ELIAS BOUDINOT, L. L. D. member of the House of Representatives of the United States, *Elizabeth-town*, New-Jersey.

AZEL ROE, V. D. M. *Woodbridge*, New-Jersey.

JOHN BAYARD, Esquire, *Brunswick*, New-Jersey.

JONATHAN-BAYARD SMITH, Esquire, *Philadelphia*,

JOHN WOODHULL, V. D. M. *Monmouth*, New-Jersey.

JAMES BOYD, V. D. M. *Newton*, Pennsylvania.

ISAAC SNOWDEN, Esquire, *Philadelphia*.

JONATHAN ELMER, V. D. M. *Turkey*, New-Jersey.

JOHN BEATTY, member of the House of Representatives of the United States, *Princeton*.

WILLIAM-MACKAY TENNENT, V. D. M. *Abington*, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW HUNTER, V. D. M. *Woodbury*, New-Jersey.



JAMES-F. ARMSTRONG, V. D. M. *Trenton, New-Jersey.*

ASHBEL GREEN, D. D. *Philadelphia.*

RICHARD STOCKTON, Esquire, counsellor at law,  
*Princeton.*

WILLIAM PATERSON, one of the associate judges of the  
United States, *Brunswick, New-Jersey.*

JACOB VAN-ARTSDALEN, V. D. M. *Springfield, New-*  
*Jersey.*

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD, Esquire, counsellor at law, *Bur-*  
*lington, New-Jersey.*



*The FACULTY of the COLLEGE.*

JOHN WITHERSPOON, D. D. president.

SAMUEL-STANHOPE SMITH, D. D. vice-president and  
professor of moral philosophy.

WALTER MINTO, L. L. D. professor of mathematicks and  
natural philosophy.

ROBERT FINLEY, A. M. tutor.

SILAS WOOD, A. M. tutor.





# L A W S O F T H E C O L L E G E .

## C H A P T E R .    I .

### *Of the Faculty of the College.*

1. **T**H E faculty of the college shall be composed of all the persons concerned in the instruction and government of it, a majority of whom, after due notice shall have been given of the meeting, shall constitute a quorum.

2. T H E president of the college shall always be president of the faculty, when he is present, and, in his absence, the office of presiding shall devolve on the officer nearest to him in rank, who may be present.

3. E V E R Y matter brought before the faculty shall be decided by votes ; and it shall be the privilege of the president of the faculty, not only to give a casting vote when there would otherwise be a tie, but to vote in all cases that come before the faculty.

4. T H E faculty shall keep a book of records or minutes, and appoint a clerk, who shall enter therein a fair statement of their transactions, resolutions and determinations ; which book shall be laid before the trustees at each of their stated meetings. The clerk of the faculty shall be allowed a compensation for his services.

5. No act of the faculty, which is not recorded by their order, shall be considered as valid.





## C H A P T E R. II.

*Of Admission into College.*

1. **A**LL examinations for admission to college shall be in presence of the faculty, and no person shall be admitted but by a vote taken by them for that purpose after his examination.

2. **NONE** shall be admitted into college, but such as on examination shall be found able to render, from Latin into English, Sallust, Cæsar's Commentaries and Virgil, or other authors equivalent to these; to make grammatical Latin of any excercises in Mair's Introduction, and to translate into English any passage that may be assigned him from the Evangelists in the Greek Testament, and give a grammatical analysis of the words.

3. **WHEN** there are candidates for admission to any of the classes higher than the freshman, they shall be examined by the faculty on all the studies which have been pursued by the class into which they desire to enter, and on being found equal to such class, and complying with the other legal requisitions, may be admitted into it.

4. **ALL** the students who shall be received into this institution, on the charitable funds destined to the education of men for the gospel ministry, except such as are received solely for the study of divinity, shall be examined by the faculty, and take their standing in such class as their literary attainments shall enable them to study with, in a regular manner.

5. **EVERY** person, before he is admitted to an actual standing in any class, shall obtain from the treasurer and steward of the college receipts or certificates, by which it shall appear that he has complied with the existing orders of the trustees in regard to expense, which certificates or receipts he shall produce to that officer of the college who

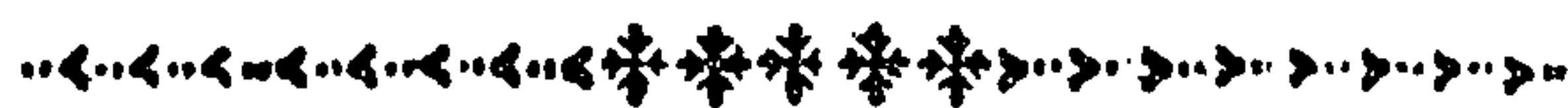


who has at that time the instruction of the class into which he desires to enter; and if any officer admit a student to the recitations of his class without such receipts or certificates, such officer shall be responsible to the treasurer or steward for the expenses of such student; and this rule shall also be observed in regard to every student at the commencement of every new session of the college.

6. If any student shall be received into college, after the commencement of a session, he shall notwithstanding pay the tuition and room rent accruing on the whole session in any part of which his admission into college shall have taken place.

7. To prevent all excuses arising from an ignorance of the laws of this institution, every student shall receive a printed copy of them, signed by the clerk of the faculty, for which he shall pay twenty cents to defray the expenses of printing, and which, after complying with the foregoing regulations, shall be the evidence of his being a member and entitled to all the privileges of the college :

8. THIS he shall receive publicly in the hall, before his fellow-students, and bind himself by promise to a careful observance of all the rules contained in it.



## CHAPTER III.

*Of Study.*

1. **E**VERY student shall diligently apply himself to such studies as shall be prescribed to him by his teacher, and shall be careful not to be absent from any recitation of his class.

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2. EVERY instructor shall appoint the time and place for the recitations of the class he instructs.

3. WHEN a student is absent from recitation, without the express permission of his instructor, he shall be called to an account for it in the presence of his class ; and if he have not a sufficient excuse to justify the absence, he shall be reprimanded by his instructor according to the nature of the offence ; and if such absences become frequent with a student, he shall be reported to the faculty, and, by their decision, be subjected to such punishment as may be deemed necessary.

4. THE hours of study shall be, from the time of morning prayers till eight o'clock, from nine till twelve in the forenoon, and from two till five in the afternoon ; during which time every student shall keep his room, unless called from it to recite or by some urgent necessity, of which he shall always be ready to give an account to any officer of the college who may observe his absence.

5. AT the close of each session of the college, every class shall be strictly examined on all the studies of that year. The faculty may also appoint quarterly examinations of all or any of the classes whenever they may judge it expedient. These examinations shall be publick, so far as to admit not only the trustees, but all gentlemen of liberal education who may choose to be present, and such other persons as the faculty or trustees may invite.

6. THOSE who shall appear to the faculty, on examination, to be deficient in their studies, shall be dealt with according to the nature and extent of the deficiency. If the deficiency be great, the party in whom it appears shall be put into a lower class : If it be such as can be remedied by diligence, the faculty may allow the ensuing vacation to make it up, and examine the party at the beginning of the succeeding session : If proofs of negligence appear in any, though



though it have not been productive of gross deficiency, the faculty may mention, before the class, the names of such persons, and administer a reproof to them and an exhortation to greater diligence in future: Those on the contrary, who shall appear to excel, shall be mentioned with approbation. Competitions in the various branches of literature and exercises of the college shall be appointed by the faculty, at such times, and subject to such regulations, as they may judge most expedient.

7. THE examination for degrees shall be on the studies which have been attended to in college, namely, Virgil, Horace, Cicero, Xenophon, Homer and Longinus, Geography, Logick, Algebra, Geometry, Surveying, Navigation, Conick Sections, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chronology and the general principles of History, Moral Philosophy, including Politicks and the leading principles of Jurisprudence, English Grammar, Rhetorick, Belles Lettres and Criticism.



## C H A P T E R IV.

### *Of Publick Speaking.*

1. **F**OR the improvement of the students in publick speaking, two or more orations, as the faculty may direct, shall be pronounced every evening immediately after prayers, on the stage in the publick hall. These shall be assigned to the students in rotation, so that all may have the benefit of this exercise; nor shall any student be exempted from it, except on account of natural impediments or other disqualifications, of which the faculty or president may judge.

2. THE members of the senior class shall be excused from the above exercises, and in place of them shall each  
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pronounce, at stated times during the winter session, an oration or declamation of their own composition, as the faculty shall appoint. Occasional exercises in publick speaking may be assigned at the discretion of the faculty.

3. ON the day of commencement the candidates for degrees shall perform such exercises as shall be appointed them, and no candidate shall refuse the exercise assigned him, under penalty of being refused his diploma.

4. NOTHING indecent, profane or immoral, shall at any time be delivered on the publick stage, under penalty of such censure as the faculty or trustees shall judge proper. And, with a view to preserve all the publick exercises of the students from impropriety of any kind, every student, during the whole of his senior year, and previously to his commencement performances especially, shall shew to the president or vice-president, the whole of what he proposes to speak, and shall not fail to observe such corrections as shall be made of his performances; and if any student pronounce any thing in publick of a censurable nature, in contradiction to the directions or corrections of the officer to whom he has shewn his piece, the president is required to stop him on the publick stage, and he shall be otherwise censured as the trustees or faculty shall determine.



## C H A P T E R V.

### *Of Order in the Dining-Room.*

1. **A**T the ringing of the bell for dinner, breakfast and supper, the students shall go peaceably to the door of the dining-room, where they shall regularly arrange themselves in their several classes, each class giving the precedence



cedence to the one next above it, and in this manner they shall wait five minutes, if necessary, for a tutor.

2. THE students shall sit in their several classes at the tables, according to the order which the faculty or tutors shall appoint, and shall behave themselves with decorum, carefully observing all the regulations which the faculty or the tutors shall make for their decent and proper behaviour. Any officer of college attending at the dining-table shall have full power to send out of the dining-room any student who shall behave in any respect indecently or improperly.

3. THE students shall at all times pay respect to the steward of the college, and they shall not on any occasion infringe on the regulations which, with the approbation of the faculty, he may make for the good order of the servants or of the dining-room and kitchen.

4. THE steward shall not be obliged to provide any by-meal, except in case of sickness, for any student or students who may not attend at the regular hours of breakfast, dinner and supper.

5. No student shall on any occasion leave the dining-table before it be regularly dismissed, except by permission from one of the officers present.

6. AFTER the tenth day of November 1794, no student, who is capable of attending on the exercises of college, shall be permitted to board out of the house, unless it be with his parents or with the president, vice-president or professors of college.

7. THE price of board shall be agreed on between the steward and trustees, as often as shall be judged necessary.

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## CHAPTER VI.

*Of Dress.*

i. **I**T is recommended to the students to be plain in their dress, but it is required of them always to appear neat and cleanly; and if any student shall be grossly negligent in this respect, it shall be the duty of the college officers to admonish him for it, and see that he preserve a decent appearance.

2 EVERY student shall possess a black gown, which shall be made agreeable to a fashion which the faculty shall prescribe; nor shall any student appear at prayers in the hall, or at church, without his gown.



## CHAPTER VII.

*Of religious Worship and moral Conduct.*

1. **E** V E R Y student shall attend worship in the college hall, morning and evening, at the hours appointed, and shall behave with gravity and reverence during the whole service.

2. EVERY student shall attend publick worship on the sabbath, at such times and places as shall be directed, and shall be careful to maintain a reverential deportment. No student shall employ any barber or hair-dresser to shave or dress him on the sabbath, nor shall any such person go into college on that day for any such purpose.

3. BESIDES the publick exercises of religious worship on the sabbath, there shall be assigned to each class certain exercises for their religious instruction, suited to the age



age and standing of the pupils. These exercises shall be assigned by the president or professor of divinity, and attended upon by the different officers of college, agreeably to the arrangement which they may make for that purpose, and no student belonging to any class shall neglect them. No student shall visit on the sabbath, nor shall any who live and board in college go without the bounds of the college \* on that day, unless by express permission of his instructor.

4. MONITORS or bill-keepers shall be appointed to note down the absentees from these or any other exercises of the college, as often as the faculty or any particular instructor of a class may think proper.

5. IF any student shall be convicted of lying, profaneness, drunkenness, theft, uncleanness, playing at unlawful games, or other gross immoralities, he shall be punished according to the nature and heinousness of the offence, by admonition, publick reprehension, or expulsion from the college.

6. IF any student shall quarrel with, insult or abuse a fellow-student, or any person whatever, he shall, upon conviction, be punished according to the nature of his fault and as the faculty may determine.

7. No student shall bring or cause to be brought into college, or on any occasion keep in his room, any spirituous or fermented liquors, without an express permission from the teacher of the class to which he belongs.

8. No student shall go to a tavern, beer-house, or any place of such kind, for the purposes of entertainment or amusement, without permission from some officer of the college ; nor shall he on any occasion keep company with

\* By which are meant the front and back yards of college.



with persons of publicly bad character, under penalty of admonition, and, if the practice be continued, of expulsion.

9. It is required of all the students to treat all persons with whom they have intercourse, with decency, modesty and respect, but especially to exhibit the most respectful deportment to the officers of the college ; and if any student shall disobey any of the lawful commands of his teachers, or shall either in speech or action manifest disrespect towards any of them, he shall be admonished, ask the forgiveness of the offended party, or be suspended, according to the nature of his offence and the decision of the faculty.

10. IF any student shall refuse to appear personally before the president or any officer of the college, when required to do so, he shall be punished for contempt of authority.

**II.** Immediate and implicit obedience shall be yielded by every student to the lawful commands of every officer of the institution, under penalty of punishment for contempt of authority.

12. ANY student who may be required so to do, shall open the door of his room or study to any officer of the college; and if he refuse, the officer may break it open, and the expense of repairing it shall be defrayed by the student, who shall also be punished for disobedience.

13. If any students remain in the college or in the town during the vacation, they shall be subject to all the laws respecting decent and orderly conduct, and shall be under the control of the officers of the college who may remain there during the vacation.





## C H A P T E R VIII.

*Of Punishments.*

1. **T**HE punishments of the institution, being wholly of the moral kind, and addressed to the sense of duty and the principles of honour and shame, are the following : Private admonition or reprehension by an officer of the college to a student, between themselves ; admonition before the faculty of the college or concessions there ; admonition before the class of the offender, or in the presence of a select number of persons of any description, with acknowledgments of the fault and engagements of amendment ; publick admonition and reprehension in the presence of all the students, with a publick confession and profession of penitence ; if the circumstances of the case require it, suspension from the privileges of the college for a limited time ; putting the party on a state of probation, so that on the next offence he shall be wholly dismissed ; dismissing from the house, and ordering the student to leave the college immediately, but without a publick expulsion ; publick and formal expulsion. In all laws where the penalty is not specified, the selection and application of any of these punishments shall be by a vote of the faculty, except the first, which any officer may apply as he shall judge necessary, and expulsion, which shall be subject to the regulation afterwards provided. The faculty moreover are to judge of the circumstances of the crime, and to consider whether they extenuate or aggravate its nature, and proportion the penalty accordingly.

2. THE repetition of offences shall always be considered as an aggravating circumstance. The punishment of expulsion shall be sanctioned by at least six trustees, met for that purpose, before it shall be finally inflicted ; but in the mean-time the faculty may suspend the offending party and exclude him from all connection with the college.



3. If any student shall refuse to remove out of college on being suspended by the faculty, the faculty shall cause an extract of their minutes respecting him to be published in the newspapers, and such student shall never afterwards be readmitted to the college.

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## C H A P T E R IX.

### *Of the Inspector, and of Damages done to the College.*

1. **A** PERSON shall be appointed to inspect the college, and see that the rooms and entries be kept in good repair, for which he shall receive such salary as the trustees shall from time to time appoint. This office may be connected with that of tutor or professor, if it shall be deemed expedient.

2. THE inspector shall visit all the apartments of the college once a month, to see if any waste has been made, and shall cause it immediately to be repaired. If the waste has happened in any private apartment, and by the fault of him or them who occupy it, and in all cases where the damage could not be done by a person from without the apartment, the inspector shall charge double for the repairs which he shall cause to be made, and in like manner for damages made in the uninhabited apartments of the college, when the party or parties who have offended can be discovered; but when such discovery cannot be made, the inspector shall levy the expense of repairs equally on all the students, and it shall be paid before the end of the session in which it has taken place.

3. The inspector shall keep an account of the repairs which have been made, and of the expenses incurred in consequence



consequence of them, and of the money he has received for damages from the students ; which he shall lay before the trustees at every stated meeting of the board, that a regular settlement may be made.

4. EVERY student shall pay to the inspector or treasurer sixty-seven cents at the commencement of each session, to constitute a fund in advance, for such general repairs of the college as are not chargeable to any individual.

5. THE inspector shall constantly keep by him such materials as are necessary for the repairs of the college.



## C H A P T E R X.

### *Of the Library and Librarian.*

1. **E**VERY student shall, at the commencement of each session, pay to the librarian sixty-seven cents, for the use of the library.

2. THE librarian shall attend at the library one day in the week, at noon, during the session, to give out books to all who have a right to apply : He shall enter the names of the persons in a book kept for that purpose, with the number and condition of the volume, by which entry he shall compare it when returned.

3. HE shall keep another book for the purpose of recording all additions made to the library, with the date of their reception, and if they are presents, the name and place of abode of the donor ; and these books shall be immediately entered in the catalogue.



4. No one shall keep a book longer than as follows, viz. a folio, six weeks; a quarto, four weeks; an octavo, two weeks, and every other book, one week: He shall not lend it to any other person, and he shall be liable for every injury it receives, while in his possession; if lost, defaced or torn, he shall pay a sum proportionable to the damage incurred, or replace it, at the choice of the faculty. No person, not immediately connected with the college, shall take a book from the library, without depositing with the treasurer or librarian his note for the whole set, which note shall become due immediately after the expiration of the time above specified for the return of the volume.

5. THE faculty shall appoint a librarian, who shall execute the duties of his office agreeably to the direction of the faculty, in all matters which are not provided for by the rules established by the trustees.

6. No book shall be lent to any person who lives more than a mile from the college.

7. IF the trustees or officers of the college, on any occasion, shall desire to consult a book in the library without taking it from the room, it shall be the duty of the librarian to attend them for that purpose.



## C H A P T E R    XI.

### *Miscellaneous Regulations.*

1. **N**O hallooing, loud talking, whistling, jumping, or any other boisterous noise, shall be permitted in the entries or rooms of the college at any time, under such penalty as the nature of the offence shall be judged by the faculty to deserve.

2. No



2. No student shall be allowed to disguise himself by wearing women's apparel, or in any other way whatever, under penalty of such censure as the faculty may see cause to inflict.

3. No student shall be allowed to disturb or attempt any imposition on his fellow-students in any manner whatever.

4. No student, after the examination for degrees, shall leave college before the day of commencement, without express permission from the authority of the college.

5. If any clubs or combinations of the students shall at any time take place, either for resisting the authority of the college, interfering in its government, or for concealing or executing any evil or disorderly design, every student concerned in such combination shall be considered as guilty of the offence which was intended: And the faculty are empowered and directed to break up all such combinations as soon as discovered, and to inflict a severer punishment on each individual than if the offence intended had been committed in his individual capacity, whatever be the number concerned, or whatever be the consequence to the college.

6. No student shall keep or employ a private servant in the college: But the students may collectively recommend to the faculty such persons to be employed as servants as they may choose, and with the approbation of the faculty, such persons may accept the employment, but shall not demand from the students more wages than shall have been fixed by the faculty: But without the approbation of the faculty, no servant shall be permitted to attend any of the students.

7. No student shall keep for his use or pleasure any horse or riding beast; nor shall any student keep a dog or gun or  
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fire-arms and ammunition of any kind, without express permission from the authority of the college.

8. IF any student or students shall steal, destroy, or trespass on the property of any person in the town or elsewhere, the authority of the college shall inflict an exemplary punishment on him or them ; and any combination to prevent the execution of the civil law shall be severely punished.

9. EVERY student shall preserve not only his own room, but as far as possible every part of the building, from all dirt and filth, and shall not indulge in any practice inconsistent with the regulations, under the penalty of such censure as the nature of his offence may be judged to deserve ; nor shall any student throw out of his window, or against the sides of the college, any filth of any description.

10. In every certificate of dismissal from college the reasons of dismissal shall be specified, and the student's standing as a scholar particularly mentioned.



## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

The annual commencement of the college is on the last Wednesday of September.

The fall vacation begins the day after commencement, and expires in six weeks.

The spring vacation begins on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday in April, and expires in four weeks.

The studies of the different classes are the following :

*Freshman*, Greek Testament, Sallust, Lucian, Cicero and Mair's Introduction.

*Sophomore*, Xenophon, Cicero, Homer, Horace, Roman Antiquities, Geography, Arithmetick, and English Grammar and Composition.

*Junior*,



*Junior*, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Practical Geometry, Conick Sections, Natural Philosophy, and English Grammar and Composition.

*Senior*, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Criticism, Chronology, Logick and the Classics.\*

The Ordinary Expenses for each Student are—

				Dolls.	Cents.	
Entrance Money,	-	-	-	4	67	
Tuition do.	-	-	-	8	00	} per session.
Library do.	-	-	-	0	67	
Damage do.	-	-	-	0	67	
Room Rent	-	-	-	5	33	
Board with the Steward,	-			1	67	per week.

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## CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION.

I CERTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ was  
regularly admitted a member of the college of New-Jersey,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ One Thousand  
Hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Clk. of the Faculty,

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\* Besides the authors above mentioned, the following are at present taught in the college—Wettenhall's Greek Grammar; Ovid's Metamorphoses; Kenneth's Roman Antiquities; Guthrie's Geography; Lowthe's English Grammar; Simpson's Algebra; Boffut's Elements of Geometry, *manuscript*; Minto's Trigonometry, Practical Geometry and Conick Sections, *manuscript*; Sherwin's Logarithms; Moore's Navigation; Hellsam's Natural Philosophy; Nicholson's do. Witherpoon's Moral Philosophy, Criticism and Chronology, *manuscript*, and Duncan's Logick.



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