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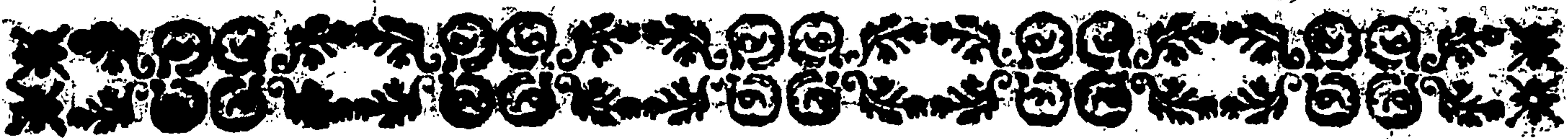
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# The Laws of Yale-College.

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## C H A P. I.

### *Concerning Admission into College.*

1. **N**O Person may expect to be admitted into this College, unless, upon an Examination by the President and Tutors, he shall be found able extempore to read accurately, construe and parse Tully, Virgil, and the Greek Testament, and shall be able to write true Latin in Prose, and hath learnt the Rules of Prosody and vulgar Arithmetic; and shall bring suitable Testimony of a blameless Life and Conversation.

2. No Person shall be admitted Undergraduate into this College, until his Father or Guardian, or some other sponsible Person shall give to the Steward a sufficient Bond for the Payment of his Quarter Bills, approved of by the Authority of College from Time to Time, so long as he shall continue to be a Member of College: which Bond the Steward shall keep, until the said Scholar shall have taken his second Degree, unless it should be sooner given up by the Order of the President: And the Steward is obliged to produce and transmit



mit to his Father or Guardian, a general State or Account of the several Sums and Dues to be charged in the Quarter Bills.

3. Every Candidate for Admission must buy a Copy of these Laws, and keep it in his Possession, which being signed by the President, and one or more of the Tutors, shall be the Evidence of his Admission into College.

4. Every Scholar admitted into this College, shall be thenceforward deemed to be a Member of the same, and (whether he be absent or present) shall be obliged to pay all College Dues, except for Victualling, until he shall be regularly dismissed; or at least until he shall, with the Advice of his Parent or Guardian (if he be under Age) ask a Dismission of the President.

5. If any Scholar shall for three Months refuse or neglect to pay his Quarter Bill, approved of by the Authority of College, the Steward shall exhibit to the President a written Complaint of said Neglect; and if after due Application made, the Parent or Guardian shall also refuse to pay, the said Scholar persisting in such Neglect, may be dismissed from College by the President, with the Advice of the Tutors.

6. No One may be admitted Freshman after the End of the Vacancy, unless he be detained a few Days by Sickness, or some such weighty Cause. And if any, who are examined and approved in the Vacancy, shall be absent after the End of the Vacancy, without a good Reason, allowed by the President, they shall be subject to the common Punishment in that Case.





C H A P. II.

*Of a pious and religious Life.*

1. **A**LL the Scholars are required to live a religious and blameless Life according to the Rules of God's Word, diligently reading the holy Scriptures, that Fountain of divine Light and Truth, and constantly attending all the Duties of Religion.

2. The President, or in his Absence, one of the Tutors in their Turn, shall constantly pray in the Chapel every Morning and Evening, and read a Chapter, or some suitable Portion of Scripture, unless a Sermon, or some Theological Discourse shall then be delivered. And every Member of College is obliged to attend, upon the Penalty of one Penny for every Instance of Absence, without a sufficient Reason, and a half Penny for being tardy, i. e. when any one shall come in after the President, or go out before him.

3. The President is desired, as he shall have Time, to deliver in the Chapel, Sermons, Expositions, or Dissertations, as he shall think proper, for the Instruction of the Scholars, which being publicly appointed, every Student is obliged to be present upon the Penalties aforesaid.

4. All the Scholars are obliged to attend Divine Worship in the College Chapel on the Lord's Day, and on Days of Fasting or Thanksgiving, appointed by public Authority, and on public Lectures appointed by the President, upon Penalty of four Pence (without just Reason) for Absence,  
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either Part of the Lord's Day, or a Fast Day, or a Thanksgiving Day, and three Pence for Absence from a Lecture, and one Penny for being tardy. And if any Student by Reason of Sickneſs, or any other weighty Reason, muſt be detained from the public Worſhip, he ſhall make it known to the Preſident or one of the Tutors in the Morning ; otherwiſe his Excuse ſhall be deemed inſufficient, unleſs it ſhould otherwiſe appear to be manifeſtly juſt.

5. If any Student ſhall profane the Lord's Day by unneceſſary Buſineſs, Diſerſion, or walking abroad, or ſhall admit any other Student or Stranger into his Chamber, or on the proceeding or following Evening, ſhall make any indecent Noiſe or Diſturbance, or ſhall behave indecently or profanely at the Time of public Worſhip, or at Prayers in the Chapel, he may be puniſhed by Admonition, or otherwiſe, as the Nature and Demerit of the Crime ſhall require.

6. Every Scholar is required to ſhew all due Honour and Reverence both in Words and Behaviour to all his Superiors, viz. Parents, Magiſtrates, Miniſters, and eſpecially to the Preſident, Fellows, and Tutors of this College ; and ſhall in no Caſe uſe any reproachful, reviling, diſreſpectful or contumacious Language : But on the contrary ſhall ſhew them all proper Tokens of Reverence and Obedience.

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### C H A P. III.

#### *Concerning ſcholastic Exercises.*

1. **E**VERY Student ſhall diligently apply himſelf to his Studies in his Chamber, as well as attend conſtantly upon



upon all public Exercises appointed by the President or his Tutor ; and no Student shall walk abroad, or be absent from his Chamber without Liberty, except half an Hour after Breakfast, and an Hour and half after Dinner, and from Prayers at Night to Nine o'Clock, upon Penalty of two Pence, or more, to six Pence, at the Discretion of the President or Tutors.

2. Both before and after Noon, and after Nine o'Clock, the Tutors in their Turn shall daily visit all the Chambers of the Students, to observe whether they be there, and at their Studies ; and shall punish all those that shall be absent, without Liberty or Necessity.

3. The President and each of the Tutors, according to the best of their Discretion, shall teach and instruct his own Class in the three learned Languages, and the liberal Arts and Sciences. In the first Year the Students are principally to learn the Tongues and Logic ; and thro' the two next following Years they are required to pursue the Study of the Languages in some Measure. The second Year they recite Rhetoric, Geometry and Geography ; the third natural Philosophy, Astronomy, and the other Branches of the Mathematics ; in the fourth Metaphysics and Ethics ; the respective Classes shall recite the usual Books, and in the accustomed Manner, or such other Books and in such Manner as the President, with the Advice of the Tutors, shall appoint ; but every Saturday shall be devoted chiefly to the Study of Divinity.

And each Class thro' the whole Time of their Pupilage shall recite either the Assembly's Catechism, the Confession of Faith received and approved by the Churches of this Colony,  
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Wallebius, Ames's Medulla, or some other system of Divinity approved of by the President and Fellows. On Tuesdays and Fridays every Undergraduate in his Turn, about Six at a Time, shall declaim in the English, Latin, Greek, or Hebrew Tongue, and in no other, without special Liberty from the President, and shall presently after deliver up his Declamation to his Tutor, fairly written with his Name subscribed. The two Senior Classes shall dispute twice a Week in the Chapel; and if any Undergraduate shall be absent from Recitation or Disputation, without Liberty, he may be fined two Pence, and if from Declaiming, six Pence.

4. If any Student shall very frequently neglect the public Exercises aforesaid, or perform them very slightly; or if he be frequently absent from public Prayers, or from his Chamber in studying Time, or spend the Main of his Time in Sloth and Idlenets, he shall be punished by Fine, Admonition, the having some extraordinary Exercises appointed him, or by Dismission from College, as the Nature and Degree of the Crime shall require.

5. The Senior Sophisters shall attend Recitation, and the other public Exercises, until the Twentieth Day of July, yearly; nor may they depart from College before they have compleated their Theses, and the other necessary Preparations for the public Commencement, nor then without the President's Liberty.

6. About the twentieth of July (on a Day appointed by the President) the Senior-Sophisters shall appear in the Chapel, to be examined by the President, Fellows, Tutors; or any other Gentlemen of liberal Education, touching their Knowledge and Proficiency in the learned Languages, the liberal



liberal Arts and Sciences, and other Qualifications requisite for receiving a Bachelor's Degree.

7. All resident Masters and Bachelors are required to attend Prayers, Lectures, and all other Exercises of divine Worship in the Chapel, under Penalty of being deprived the Privilege of the Library.

8. All resident Bachelors shall dispute in the Hall before the President every Week, or otherwise according to the President's Direction, upon Penalty of four Pence for Absence, without sufficient Reason.

9. The President shall order the resident Bachelors and Undergraduates to make Analyses, or perform any other scholastic Exercises in the Chapel, for the Improvement and Tryal of their Skill and Learning.

10. Whereas the Marriage State is very incongruous with a State of Pupilage in this College, it is ordered, that if any Undergraduate shall contract Matrimony, he shall be dismissed from College.

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*Of a regular moral Behaviour.*

1. **I**F any Scholar shall be guilty of Blasphemy, Cursing, Robbery, Fornication, Forgery, or any such atrocious Crime, he shall be immediately expelled.

2. If any Scholar shall deny the holy Scriptures, or any Part thereof, to be of divine Authority, or shall assert any  
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Error or Heresy, subverting the Foundation of the Christian Religion, and shall continue obstinate therein, after the first and second Admonition, he shall be expelled.

3. If any Scholar shall be guilty of a profane Oath or Vow, of profaning the Name, Word, or Ordinances of God ; of contemptuous, refractory Carriage towards his Superiors ; of Fighting, Striking, Quarrelling, Challenging, turbulent Words or Behaviour, Drunkenness, Lasciviousness, wearing Womens Apparel, Fraud, Injustice, Idleness, Lying, Defamation, or any such like Crime, he shall be punished by Fine, Admonition, Rustication, or even Expulsion, as the Nature and Circumstances of the Crime may require.

4. If any Scholar shall be guilty of Stealing, or knowingly receive and conceal stolen Goods, he shall be fined, and pay triple Damage ; and if the Goods stolen, shall be to the Value of twenty Shillings, he shall be expelled. And in all other Cases of Injustice, he shall make full Restitution to the Party injured. And if any one shall size upon another, he shall be fined a Shilling, and pay the Damage ; and every Freshman sent, must declare that he who sends him, is the only Person to be charged.

5. If any Scholar, shall break open the Door of another, or privately pick his Lock, with any Instrument, for the first Offence he shall be fined one Shilling, for the second two, and for the third be publickly admonished or expelled.

6. If any Scholar shall play at Dice or Cards, or even any lawful Play, for a Wager, or shall call for any strong Drink in a Tavern within two Miles of College, except in Company with his Father or Guardian, he shall be punished, for  
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the first Offence, two Shillings and six Pence ; for the second five Shillings ; and for the third may be expelled. And if any Scholar without Leave from the President or his Tutor, shall bring into College, or into his Chamber in Town, any Rum, Wine, or any other strong Drink, he may be fined, not exceeding the Value of the Drink brought in, or otherwise punished as he shall deserve.

7. If any Scholar shall damnify the College House, Glass, Fence, or any Thing belonging to College, he shall be fined a Shilling, and make good the Damages ; and if the Crime be repeated, shall pay double Damages.

8. Every Scholar in studying Time is required wholly to abstain from Singing, loud Talking and Noisiness, upon Penalty of four Pence. And if any Scholar shall at any Time make an indecent Rout, Tumult, Noise, or Hallowing, or call out aloud, to any other Scholar, in the Presence of the President or a Tutor, he shall be punished not exceeding two Shillings.

9. If any Scholar shall play at Hand-Ball, or Foot-Ball, or Bowls in the College-Yard, or throw any Thing against College, by which the Glass may be endangered, or shall pour Water in any College Entry, he shall be punished six Pence, and make good the Damages.

10. If any Scholar shall any where act a Comedy or a Tragedy, he shall be fined three Shillings, one Shilling if he shall be present at the acting of one ; and if in acting he shall put on Women's Apparel, he shall be publickly admonished.

11. If any Scholar shall venture Money or Goods in any  
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Kind of Lottery or chance Game, not allowed by the civil Authority, he shall be punished to the Value of the Money or Goods lost or won in the Lottery ; and if it shall exceed five Shillings in Value, he shall be admonished ; and if Thirty, he shall be expelled.

12. No Scholar is allowed to keep any Kind of Fire-Arms or Gun-Powder, upon Penalty of one Shilling ; and if any Scholar shall fire Gun-Powder with a Gun, or any other Instrument, in or near the College-Yard, he shall be fined three Shillings ; and if it be done near the Dwelling-House or Person of the President or a Tutor, he shall be also punished for the Contempt.

13. Whereas Tumults and boisterous Assemblings are a grievous Hindrance to Study, good Morals and Piety, the most valuable Ends of this Society ; which to prevent, it is enacted, that if three or more Scholars collected into a Company, shall in Breach of the Peace, violently offer any Injury to the Person or Possession of another, or do any unlawful or tumultuous Actions, they shall be severely fined, admonished, or even expelled ; likewise all military Exercises, fighting with Swords, Files or Canes, are forbidden to Scholars in New-Haven.

14. If any Scholar shall assault, wound, or strike the President or a Tutor, or shall maliciously or designedly break their Windows, let him be immediately expelled. And if several shall purposely dance or make a Noise in any Chamber or Entry, near a Tutor's Chamber, they may be punished by Fine, Rustication, or otherwise, as the Degree and Nature of the Crime shall require.

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15. If any Scholar shall write or publish any scandalous Libel about the President, a Fellow, Professor, or Tutor, or shall treat any one of them with any reproachful or reviling Language, or behave obstinately, refractorily or contemptuously towards either of them, or be guilty of any Kind of Contempt, he may be punished by Fine, Admonition, be deprived the Liberty of sending Freshmen for a Time ; by Suspension from all the Privileges of College ; or Expulsion, according as the Nature and Aggravation of the Crime may require.

16. If any Scholar shall familiarly associate himself with vile, idle, dissolute Persons, or admit Company into his Chamber, either in or out of College, after nine o'Clock, or shall entertain any Person, except a near Relation, without Leave, he may be punished not exceeding two Shillings. And if any Person shall contemptuously treat or abuse the Authority of College, or shall instigate, advise, or aid any Student to a refractory, stubborn Carriage or Behaviour toward the Laws or Governors of College, or shall draw away and seduce any Student into vile Principles or Practices, the President with the Advice of the Tutors, may forbid the Person so offending to enter within the Limits of College ; and may forbid all the Students any familiar Accompanying or Commerce with him, under proper Penalties, as the Nature and Circumstances of the Case shall require.

17. The President or a Tutor, when he shall see fit, may break open any College Door : and if any Scholar shall refuse Admission to the President or a Tutor when required, or shall refuse to assist in suppressing any Disorder, (if there be Need) or to come when called, or give in his Evidence  
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when it is required, he may be punished by Fine, Admonition, or Expulsion, as the Circumstances of the Crime may require.

18. If any Scholar shall go out of the College Yard without a Hat, a Coat or Gown, unless to his lawful Diversion, he may be fined not exceeding six Pence ; and if he shall wear any indecent Apparel, he may be fined not exceeding one Shilling.

19. If any Scholar shall go a Fishing or Sailing, or undress himself for Swimming, in any Place exposed to public View, or shall go more than two Miles from College on any Occasion, or go to any Court or Town Meeting, a Meeting for youthful Diversion, or any other Assembly, whereby precious Time may be unprofitably spent, without first obtaining Liberty from the President or his Tutor, he may be fined not exceeding two Shillings ; nor may any public Entertainment or Treat be allowed to Scholars, unless at the public Commencement.

20. All the Students are required to behave inoffensively and blamelessly towards the Inhabitants of New-Haven, not needlessly frequenting their Houses, or interesting themselves in any of their Controversies ; and upon Complaint of any Injury done by a Scholar to a Town Dweller, or to another Scholar, the President, with the Advice of the Tutors, shall give Judgement and order Restitution to be made ; and if any Scholar shall refuse so to do, he shall be publicly admonished, and if he shall obstinately persist therein, he shall be expelled.

21. Every Freshman is obliged to do any proper Errand  
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or Message, required of him by any one in an upper Class, which if he shall refuse to do he shall be punished. Provided that in Study Time no Graduate may send a Freshman out of College Yard, or an Undergraduate send him anywhere at all without Liberty first obtained of the President or Tutor.

22. No Member of College may do or undertake any Matter or Business of Difficulty and great Importance, or that is unusual, or besides the approved Practices of College, without first consulting with the President and obtaining his Consent.

23. Whereas the Absence of Scholars from College is a great Hindrance to Learning, It is enacted, that if any Scholar shall tarry out of Town beyond the Vacation, or the Time allowed him by the President or a Tutor, and shall send no sufficient Excuse, he shall be fined nine Pence per Day all the While he is absent; and if he shall not come, or send a reasonable Excuse before the End of the Quarter, and the Fine shall be charged in the Quarter Bill, it shall not be taken off upon any Excuse, unless it amount to more than ten Shillings. And if any Scholar shall be absent from College six Months in two Years, excepting the Vacations, unless by some grievous Sickness, certified by a Physician, he shall recite three Months with a lower Class; and if he shall be absent more than one Year in four, he shall be dismissed, or put into the next lower Class. If any Scholar without Leave obtained of the President or a Tutor, shall go out of Town, or beyond the Place allowed him, and shall not return by the appointed Time, he may be punished by Fine, Admonition, or otherwise, as the Degree and Circumstances of the Offence may require.

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24. The Fines which are to be inflicted by the general Statutes, are for lesser Offences, from three Pence to one Shilling; for the greater from one Shilling to three; and for the greatest not exceeding ten Shillings, except in Cases particularly specified in these Laws. And altho' a special Statute directs to a particular Punishment for an Offence, yet if that Offence should be committed daringly or frequently, it shall be in the Power of the President or Tutors, to inflict a greater Fine, not more than double, or some other College Punishment, sufficient to suppress the Crime; and when a full, ingenious, public Confession for a Fault shall be offered, it may be accepted to the Abatement of the Punishment, excepting the more heinous Crimes where a public Admonition, Expulsion, or some other heavy Punishment shall be necessary.

25. Inasmuch as it was the principal Design of this College to promote Learning, Morality, and Religion, it is ordered, that the President and Tutors shall diligently take Notice of, and observe the Morals and Behaviour of the Scholars, and their Progress in Learning, by daily visiting their Chambers, frequent Examinations, and a careful Watch over them, that all Vices may be suppressed. And if any Scholar shall disregard lesser Punishments, or not be reclaimed thereby from vicious Practices, greater Punishments shall be applied, such as solemn Reproof or public Admonition. And if any Scholar shall plainly manifest a prevailing Inclination to Idleness, Wickedness, and a dissolute Behaviour; especially if he shall draw others into bad Practices, and not be reformed by lesser Punishment; or if any Scholar upon thorough Examination shall appear to be greatly deficient in those Branches of Learning, which his Standing hath given him sufficient Opportunity to be acquainted with, he shall be dismissed



dismissed from College, or rusticated for a Year, and be put back into the next Class, altho' he may not have been guilty of any particular notorious Crime, which in itself requires Expulsion.

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## C H A P. V.

*Of Chambers and Studies.*

**T**HE President from Time to Time shall dispose of the Chambers and Studies in College, and assign them to particular Students : and if any Scholar shall refuse to dwell in the Chamber assigned him, or shall remove out of that into another without Liberty, or make up his Bed in Order for lodging out of his Chamber, he may be fined one Shilling, or punished in some other Manner, as the Circumstances of the Offence shall require.

2. If any Scholar, who hath a Chamber assigned him, shall be absent from College beyond the Time allowed him, or shall be guilty of any great Misdemeanor, the President may take away a Chamber at his Discretion, thus assigned, and dispose of it to another.

3. When a Chamber or Study shall be assigned to any Student, he shall immediately certify the Scholar of the House with regard to the Glafs, Doors, or Tables that are broke, or any other Damage already done, who shall enter the same in a Book, and carry it to the President, in Order that he who lived last in the Chamber or Study, or did the Damage, may be obliged to make Satisfaction. And during the Time that any Chamber or Study shall stand assigned to



any particular Scholar, he (whether present or absent) shall be accountable for all Damages done therein, unless he shall prove they were done by the inevitable Providence of God, or in such a Manner as implies no Carelessness of his own.

4. When any Glass shall be broke by an unknown Person in the Hall, Chapel, Library, or Entry, or any public Room, the Expence of mending the same shall be borne equally by all the undergraduate Scholars.

5. Every Scholar whether present or absent, shall find his equal Proportion of Wood, Candles, and Furniture expended in the Chamber assigned him.

6. Every Scholar living in College, must have Liberty of the President, with regard to the House in Town where he is to live, nor may he remove from House to House without Liberty from the President, under Penalty of two Shillings, nor be allowed to continue in the House to which he may have moved without the President's Consent.

7. All Scholars living out of College, and in the Town of New-Haven, shall be subject to the same Laws and Rules in their Chambers, with those who reside in College.

## C H A P. VI.

### *Of the Steward and Commons.*

1. **T**HE Steward appointed by the President and Fellows, shall provide Victuals for all who reside in College, viz. the Tutors, Graduates, and Undergraduates, after the Manner of living in common Families, at such a Price as shall be set from Time to Time by the President and Fellows.

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2. The Waiters in the Hall appointed by the President, are to put the Victuals on the Tables, spread with decent linen Cloths, which are to be washed every Week by the Steward's Procurement, and the Tutors, or some of the senior Scholars present are to ask a Blessing on the Food, and to return Thanks. All the Scholars at meal Time are required to behave themselves decently and gravely, and abstain from loud Talking. No Victuals, Platters, Cups, &c. may be carried out of the Hall, unless in Case of Sickness, and with Liberty from one of the Tutors. Nor may any Scholar go out before Thanks are returned. And when Dinner is over, the Waiters are to carry the Platters and Cloths back into the Kitchen. And if any one shall offend in either of these Things, or carry away any Thing belonging to the Hall without Leave, he shall be fined six Pence.

3. The Steward shall take Care, that all the College Chambers and Entries be swept daily, and the Beds made ; for which every Scholar living in College, whether present or absent, shall pay the Steward three Halfpence per Week.

4. Towards the End of every Quarter, the Steward shall write out a Bill, containing the several quarterly Sums payable by each Student, with a Duplicate thereof, viz.

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For Cellar Rent,	- - - - -	0 1 4

Together with the Sums charged for broken Glass and other Damages done, as also Fines, Commons and Provisions signed. The graduated Students are exempted from Tuition



on and contingent Charges. And the Steward shall shew both these Bills to the President, which being approved by him and one of the Tutors, shall be signed by the President; one of which the President shall deliver to the Steward, and keep the other himself, together with a Bond signed by the Steward acknowledging his receipt of the other Bill, and that he will be accountable to the President and Fellows for the whole Sum therein contained. And the Steward shall collect all the Money contained in the Quarter Bills, and two Pounds ten Shillings of the Butler, and also seven Shillings and six Pence for the Dinner provided, of every one that takes a Degree, and shall pay out the whole Sum of the Money according to Orders given by the President and Fellows.

5. The Money mentioned in these Laws is to be understood to be Sterling, i. e. good and lawful Money of England.

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## C H A P. VII.

### *Of the Butler.*

1. **E**VERY Morning and Evening at the Time appointed by the President, between Six o'Clock and the Rising or Setting of the Sun, the Butler shall wait upon the President, or in Case of his Absence, upon one of the Tutors by Turns, in Order for his attending Prayers in the Chapel; and having received Orders, shall ring the Bell; and he shall do the same at all public Meetings in the Chapel on which the President attends. The Butler shall also ring the Bell for Breakfast, Dinner and Supper, and for studying Time, at Half an Hour after Breakfast, and an Hour and  
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an Half after Dinner, and at nine o'Clock at Night. And if any Scholar shall ring the Bell, except by the Butler's Order on the Occasions above mentioned, or by a special Order from the President or one of the Tutors, he shall be fined not exceeding two Shillings, or otherwise suitably punished as the Case shall require.

2. The Butler is allowed to sell in the Buttery, Cyder, Metheglin, Strong Beer, not exceeding twenty Barrels a Year, and such like Necessaries for the Scholars which are not sold by the Steward in the Kitchen : nor may any Scholar buy Cyder or Strong Beer any where else but in the Buttery ; the Butler observing the President's Orders in selling these Things, for which Privilege he shall pay fifty Shillings into the College Treasury, and also provide Candles as they shall be needed in the Chapel at Prayers, and on other Occasions.

3. The Butler shall keep a Bill of all who live in Commons, and of Fines inflicted by the President and Tutors, together with the Causes of the Fines ; which Bill he shall deliver to the Steward at the End of every Quarter, who shall send a Copy of the same to the Parents of the Scholars, or keep it by him that they may see it.

4. The Butler, with the Approbation of the President, hath Liberty to appoint a Waiter, who may do the above Services in his Room and Stead.

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### C H A P. VIII.

#### *Of the Beadle, Monitors and Scholar of the House.*

1. **T**HE Beadle appointed by the President is vested with full Authority to execute all the lawful Orders given out by the Authority of College.



2. The Monitors appointed by the President, shall observe and note down in their Bill, all that are absent from, come tardy to, or egress from Prayers, or other public Exercises in the Chapel, on which the Students are bound to attend; which Bills (together with the Names of those who are to declaim) they shall deliver every Week, or as often as required, to the President or a Tutor; and at the End of every Quarter they shall bring to the President the Number of the Times which each Scholar, whether in Town or out of Town, shall have been absent, tardy or egressed.

3. The Monitors shall note down all the Fines inflicted in the Chapel for Absence from Prayers, or any other Crime, and carry the Account to the Butler.

4. The Scholar of the House, appointed by the President, shall diligently observe and set down the Glafs broken in College Windows, and every other Damage done in College, together with the Time when, and the Person by whom it was done; and every Quarter he shall make up a Bill of such Damages, charged against every Scholar according to the Laws of College, and deliver the same to the President or the Steward, and the Scholar of the House shall tarry at College until Friday Noon after the public Commencement, and in that Time shall be obliged to view any Damage done in any Chamber upon the Information of him to whom the Chamber is assigned.

## C H A P. IX.

### *Of the Library.*

1. **N**O Person, except the President, Fellows, Tutors, Masters and Bachelors residing at College, and the  
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two Senior Classes, shall have Liberty to take Books out of the Library. Provided nevertheless, that the President may give Leave for the Sophimores to take out some particular Books, upon the Rudiments of Languages and Logic, rarely used by the upper Classes.

2. Every Master, Bachelor, and Undergraduate, shall pay to the Librarian six Pence per Month for every Folio Volume taken out of the Library ; for a Quarto four Pence ; for an Octavo or a lesser Volume two Pence ; and for a Pamphlet one Farthing ; and double the Sum for every Book which is recited. And if he shall not return any Book within a Month, he shall pay double the Sum above mentioned per Month, and in the same Proportion for Part of a Month, until the Book be returned, excepting Folios, which may be kept out two Months ; nor may any Student have out more than three Books at one Time.

3. No Person shall be allowed to take any Book out of the Library without the Knowledge of the Librarian ; and the Librarian shall enter down in his Bill the Title and Bigness of the Book taken out, the Name of the Person that takes it, and the Time when it is taken and returned.

4. Whosoever shall take a Book out of the Library, shall make good all Damages done to it, and shall be punished for every Word wrote by him in the Book, at the Discretion of the President or one of the Tutors.

5. The Librarian shall render to the President and Fellows, an Account of the Money received by him, as aforesaid, and shall be paid by them for his Labour. And if there shall remain any overplus Money, it shall be laid out  
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in buying, binding or covering Books, or for any Thing else, to the Benefit of the Library.

6. The Senior Tutor, for the Time being, shall be Librarian, and shall attend upon the Business twice every Week, at such Times as shall be appointed by the President.

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### C H A P. X.

#### *Of Commencements, Degrees and Vacations.*

1. **A**LL such Scholars as have resided at College four Years, and have diligently attended their Studies, and all public Instructions, and upon the Examination, appointed by the President, shall be found well skilled in the Latin and Greek Languages, Mathematics, natural and moral Philosophy, and the whole Course of scholastic Learning, and have been guilty of no gross Crime or Transgression of the Laws of College, may expect to be honored with the first Degree, viz. Bachelor of Arts.

2. All such as have applied themselves to their Studies for the Space of three Years, from the Time of taking their first Degree, and have been guilty of no gross Crime, may expect to receive the Honor of a second Degree, viz. Master of Arts.

3. Every one who expects a second Degree, shall come to College a suitable Time before the Commencement, and exhibit a common Place, or Sermon, or some other Dissertation in order to evince his Proficiency in Learning.

4. Every Candidate for a second Degree, shall at least a Month before the public Commencement, signify to the President



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President his Desire of the same, and be personally present ; and if in any Instance whatever, the President and Fellows shall by a special Favour, confer the Honour of a Degree on any Person that is absent, he shall pay into the College Treasury six Shillings, or such a Sum as the President and Fellows shall see fit.

5. Every Candidate shall pay to the President eight Shillings and six Pence for every Degree conferred upon him.

6. No Scholar shall have his Degree, unless the Steward on the Commencement Morning shall certify the President that he hath paid all his College Dues. This Law is to be read in the Chapel in the Beginning of the Month of July, and on Monday before the public Commencement.

7. On the Commencement Day the President shall begin the public Exercises with Prayer. In the Forenoon one of the Bachelors shall deliver an Oration, and the Rest shall dispute in their Turn ; and in the Afternoon the Masters shall do the same.

8. Every Candidate for a first Degree shall appear dressed in decent Apparel, without any Gold or Silver Lace.

9. If any Freshman near the Time of Commencement shall fire the great Guns, or give or promise any Money, Counfel or Assistance towards their being fired ; or shall illuminate College with Candles, either on the Inside or Outside of the Windows, or exhibit any such Kind of Show ; or dig or scrape the College Yard otherwise than with the Liberty and according to the Directions of the President, in the Manner formerly practised, or run in the College Yard in Company,



pany, they shall be deprived the Privilege of sending Freshmen three Months after the End of the Year. And if any at Commencement Time shall make a great Noise or Disturbance, or exhibit any unusual Show, they shall be punished by the President and Fellows at their Discretion.

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*Of the Authority of College.*

1. **T**HE legislative Authority of this College is vested by the Charter in the President and Fellows legally convened, who have Authority to make, and give Sanction to all such Statutes, Laws, Rules and Orders (not repugnant to the Laws of the Colony) as they shall judge proper, for the well ordering of College.

The executive Authority is vested principally in the President, who, in Concurrence with the Advice of the Professors and Tutors, hath Power to rule, govern and direct the College, and all Matters relating thereto ; and likewise all the Students, both Graduates and Undergraduates, according to the Laws, Rules and Statutes established by the President and Fellows.

And whereas these Statutes are few and general, there must necessarily be lodged with the President and Tutors a discretionary or parental Authority. And therefore where no Statute is particularly and expressly provided for a Case that may occur, they are to exercise this discretionary Authority according to the known ancient Customs of the College, and the plain general Rules of the moral Law.

And



And in Case of any heavy Punishment inflicted by a Judgment of the President and Tutors, as Expulsion, Dismission, or Rustication for a Year, if any Person or Persons shall apprehend themselves to be injured thereby, they have Liberty to bring a Petition to the Corporation for Relief therein, setting forth the Grounds and Reasons of their Petition, provided the Persons apprehending themselves to be injured, their Parents or Guardians shall have previously desired a Rehearing before the President and Tutors.

2. Every Tutor appointed by the President and Fellows, shall, under the President, take care of and govern the College, and instruct the Class committed to his Care, and shall have Authority to punish any Undergraduate for any Crime committed against the Laws of College, not exceeding one Shilling ; provided that in doubtful and difficult Matters, he may not proceed without the Advice and Direction of the President.

3. Every one who shall be chosen President of this College, a Fellow, or Professor, or Tutor, before he enters upon his public Business, shall publickly in the Chapel declare his Assent to the Confession of Faith, and Ecclesiastical Discipline received by the Churches of this Colony, and established by the Laws of this Government.

