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A List of the members who have joined
 into the S. P. at no Φ B K Society

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2 Thomas Smith	25 Thomas Clement
3 Reuben Crocker	26 Thomas Sellaraine
4 James Smith	27
5 John James	28
6 John Stewart	29
7 Daniel H. H. H.	30
8	31 William Stuart
9 John H. H.	32 John James Baskin
10 James White	33
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15 Henry Hall	38
16 John Allen	39
17 James Kinison	40
18 Cartwell Crocker	41
19 Thos. Hall	42
20 Samuel Hardy	43
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22 Richard Stewart	45 Richard B Lee
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On Thursday the 5th of December in the
year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred
and seventy-six, and the first of the Common Council,
a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the impor-
tant ends of Society, entering the minds of John
Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Bocher, August
Smith, and John Jones, and after wards seconded
by others, prevailed and was accordingly ratified.

And for the better establishment and sanctitude
of our unanimity, a square silver medal was agreed
on and instituted; engraved on the one side with S.P.
the initials of the Latin ~~Societas Philosophica~~ and on
the other, agreeable to the former, with the Greek initial
of  B K and an index or
pointing of philosophical design, extended to the ter-
ritory, a part of the planetary orb, distinguished.

In consequence of this, on Wednesday the 5th of June
the session was held, in order both to adapt a mode of
institution and to provide for its better security.

And first in Corporation, an oath of fidelity being
considered as the strongest preservative, an intricate
and ~~long~~ resolved, form and instituted, which

H. A. B. do swear on the holy Evangelists of Almighty
God; or otherwise, as calling the Supreme Being, to at-
test this my oath, declaring that I will with all my possi-
ble efforts, endeavour to prove true, just, and deeply
attached to this our graining fraternity; in keeping,
holding, and preserving all secrets that pertain to my
duty, and for the promotion and advancement of
its internal welfare.

Whereupon the oath of fidelity being thus prescribed
and instituted, was afterwards severally administered
to the respective Gentlemen, viz. John Heath, Tho:
Smith, Richard Baker, Wm. Mustard Smith, John
Jones, Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stewart, Thos. Polking-
ton, & John Stork, as the first steps or inducements
to a constitution.

In consequence of this measure, freely, and jointly
proceeded to the election of officers, proper and most
suitable for its internal regulation.

Upon the recommendation of these members, viz. J:
Heath as President, Rich:^d Baker as Treasurer,
and Tho:^s Smith as Clerk, these several necessary
and necessary persons & functions of the

duties accordingly selected them.

The fraternity having gone through the business of the present session, after a recommendation of several proper and salutary laws, to be prepared against the next ensuing meeting at March the 1st, jointly adjourned March 5th. Agreeable to the recommendation of our preceding session, we have severally presented the subsequent laws; as proper and most conducive to the advantage of our growing fraternity.

Resolved 1st. That in every design or attempt whether great or small, we ought to invoke the Deity, by some private sacrifice or devotion for a fraternal prosperity.

2. That a profanation of the preceding oath of fidelity, subjects the Members to the pain of the universal censures of the fraternity, as well as the rising of a law of expulsion.

3. That every member after being properly initiated shall be obliged to wear a Medal, which shall wholly correspond with those of the Fraternity.

4. That an orderly session of members, from the Pres^{ent} downwards should be observed.

5. That in case of the incapacity or necessary absence

of the President, the choice of any other member shall
be left to the discretion of the society.

6. That the non-attendance of any single member,
unless by some certain obstructing inability, or co-
gent necessity, subjects him to the penalty of five
shillings.

7. That no Gentleman be initiated into this Society but
Collegians; and such only who have arrived to the
age of sixteen years, and from the Grammar School
upwards: and further, before his disposition be
sufficiently inspected, nor then without the una-
nims approbation of the Society.

8. That every member during a session, behave with a becom-
ing decency; and declare their sentiments vigorously pre-
serving confusion.

9. That the least appearance of intoxication or disorder
of any single member, by liquor, at a session, subjects
him to the penalty of ten shillings.

10. That for the encouragement of any new invention of
Arts and Sciences, some premium be allowed from
the public treasury.

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*11. That our members shall ^{be present} be sufficient for the execution of business.

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*13. That a regular meeting of once a month, unless a necessity of sooner convening should interpose, is hereby established and ordained.

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*14. That the duty of Treasurers in keeping accurate estimates and accounts of all reimbursements as well as disbursements is esteemed nothing but legal and constitutional.

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*15. That if any dispute attended with animosity and indignation, should arise amongst us, such a matter ought to be recognized by a secession of the whole society.

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*16. That the President be invested with the prerogatives of convening the members of this fraternity, when he shall deem it expedient; that he have likewise the privilege of giving a decision, when there shall happen a division of voices, and the power of commanding due attendance to be paid him while discharging the important duties of his office.

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7. That the duty or office of the Clerk, be indispensably requisite, as well in keeping a proper roll or conscription of the fraternity, as fair and legible books in writing.
 8. That four members be selected to perform at every session, two of whom in matters of argumentation and the others in opposite composition.
 9. That such of the compositions as are deemed worthy by the society, shall be carefully preserved and endorsed by whom and ^{at} what time delivered.
 10. That the youngest on the roll be appointed Herald for the function of consecrating the minutes.
 11. That the infringement of any of the laws enacted or to be enacted, except such as have the fines annexed to them, subjects the members to the discretionary punishment of the society.
 12. That no member shall be expelled without the unanimous concurrence of the society.
 13. That every person after being initiated, pay to the public Treasury the sum of £. —
 14. It is also ordained that any Number of Members shall have full Authority & Power to transact Business of Kind; when these Members shall think it absolutely necessary for the Service of the Society.

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quarterly Number. —

X 16. That if the Number of Members according to Act 15th, cannot be convened any
smaller Number shall have Power of doing Business of any Kind. But such
Business, Situations excepted, shall always be subject to be annulled by a
Majority, until confirmed according to Act 15th. —

X 17th. Whereas by Resolve 14th respecting Declaration and Argumentation
it is intended that those Compositions only be preserved, which may do
honour to the Society; and forasmuch as it is inconvenient for them here
Meeting to take the Merit of them into their due Consideration,

Resolved that three Members be appointed to judge of the Performances,
and always to inform the ensuing Meeting of their Determination
Provided however, that when either of the appointed Judges declares
a temporary Successor to him as Judge, be appointed by the Meeting

March 27th. At a call meeting Mr. Isaac Harts being recommended as worthy members of this fraternity was accordingly initiated. After which we jointly adjourn ourselves to the established time.

April 5th. Mr. Backer having been charged at a meeting of this fraternity, of a thorough infirmity of choice of the preceding resolves viz. C^o. 13th & 14th. and whereupon being willing to receive his defence, have postponed his examination to the next meeting. After ^{which} we jointly adjourn ourselves.

April 15th. At a call meeting Mr. W^o. Shorb, Mr. John Monson & Mr. Geo. Praxton, being recommended as worthy members of this society, were accordingly initiated. The business being finished we adjourn ourselves.

April 19th. Mr. Backer having appeared and made his defence, was with honour and unanimity restored to the good opinion of this society. The business being finished we adjourn ourselves.

May 3rd. ~~At a call meeting~~ ^{for the better distribution} of the fraternity, between their churches, or any foreign country or place, it is resolved that ~~no person shall be admitted~~ ~~into the fraternity~~ ~~without the consent~~

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Mr. Heath having resigned the office of President, the fraternity proceeded to the appointment of a successor, and Mr. T. Smith being recommended was accordingly appointed.

In consequence of this appointment they proceeded to the choice of a Clerk and Mr. Wm. Short being recommended was also appointed.

The fraternity having finished the business of the evening adjourned to the second saturday after the expiration of the holidays.

June 16th. At a call meeting Mr. Parker Treas^r having resigned his office delivered to the society the money in his hands. And the society adjourned.

June 21st. In consequence of Mr. Parker's resignation Mr. Isaac White being recommended, was appointed to succeed him. Ordered that Mr. Hill and Short be appointed to revise the laws and propose to the next meeting, such new ones as seem to them necessary. The business of the night being finished the society adjourned.

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July 2. After calling meeting in order that the President might resign on account of his leaving College, he resigned accordingly, and delivered a speech which is ordered to be carefully kept.

In consequence of the above resignation, the society proceeded to the choice of a successor, and Mr. Heath being recommended was re-elected to this important post. The business being finished an adjournment took place.

July 24th. The society having met agreeable to appointment, proceeded to the amendments, made by the chosen at the last session, to revise the laws and make such propositions, to the next meeting, as seemed to them necessary. The business being finished the society adjourned.

Nov: 29th. Mr. Heath Pres: being absent, agreeable to the fifth resolve, the society proceeded to the choice of a temporary Pres: and Mr. Abner Smith being recommended as a proper person, was accordingly elected.

Mr. Henry Hull being recommended as a worthy member of this ^{Society} was initiated.

The Business of the evening being finished, the Society adjourned to the 5th of next Month, being the Anniversary to be kept at the Parish.

Feb²⁴ 24. At a call meeting, the President being absent, they proceeded to nominate one in his stead; upon which Mr. Thurt being recommended, was elected —
Mr. John Allen, Mr. John Vinson & Mrs. Kirtwell Coche being recommended as worthy members of this society, were accordingly initiated —
The business of this evening being finished, the society adjourned to
Feb²⁸ 28. At a call meeting, Mr. Hall being recommended as a worthy member of this society, was accordingly initiated — After which an adjournment took place —

March 2nd At a meeting of this Society agreeable to an appointment at the last Session Mr. Fitzhugh & Mr. Thurt delivered their Declamations, which are ordered to be preserved. — On a motion made for an Amendment to the thirteenth Resolue, Ordered that for the future a meeting of once a fortnight be observed. — Mr. Th^o Fitzhugh & Mr. Isaac ^{White} being great on the Roll, were appointed to produce a Declamation at our ensuing Meeting. —
The Business being finished an Adjournment took place. —

April 5th At a meeting of this society agreeable to an appointment at the last meeting session Mr. S. Hite & Mr. S. Fitzhugh delivered their Declamations, which are ordered to be preserved. —

April 5th At a call meeting, the President being absent, the society proceeded to nominate one in his stead; upon which Mr. S. Hite being recommended, was elected. & likewise Mr. Kirtwell Coche was chosen Clerk. —
Mr. J. Morrison & Mr. G. Braxton being new on the roll, are appointed to produce a De

ensuing meeting.

The Business being finished an Adjournment took place.

May 2. At a Meeting of this Society agreeable to former Appointment
Mr. Morison delivered his Declaration which is ordered to be preserved,
Mrs. Bigston being absent.

The Business being finished an Adjournment took place.

At a Meeting of this Society according to Adjournment: ordered
that an Addition of the 25th & 26th Prescribes be made to the former Body.

The Business being finished an Adjournment took place.

July 25th. At a Meeting of this Society, it being found convenient to
have temporary Presidents, the Members proceeded to confirm over that
Officers and Mr. Smith being deemed a proper Person was accordingly
elected.

Ordered by unanimous Voice of the present Meeting, that an Award
be made to Resolve 25th.

The Business of the Evening being finished an Adjournment took place.

July 30th. At a call Meeting for the Initiation of Mr. Saml. Hardy's
recommended as being worthy of an Admission into this Fraternity,
he was accordingly initiated.

There being no other Business an Adjournment took Place.

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Aug 8th. At a Meeting of this Society, W Short & S Allen delivered
their Declamations agreeable to Appointment.

Ordered that an Addition of the 2^d Resolves be made to our Code of Laws.

That Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fitzhugh & Mr. Short be appointed
Judges agreeable to the above Resolves.

That the Absences of former Meetings be excepted from Fines, & in future
their Excuses be examined at their next Attendance without Fail.

The Business of the Night being finished in Adjournment took Place.

Aug. 29th. Resolved that the last appointment of Judges of Com-
position be abolished, and that three Members agreeable to the
resolve 2^d be chosen by Ballot. The Society proceeding to

this Appointment upon Examination of the Box, the greatest
Number of Votes appearing in Favour of Mr. Hall, Mr. Short
and Mr. Stuart, they are accordingly confirmed.

Resolved that as the Price of Initiation hitherto paid, is inade-
quate to the Purpose, it be augmented to five Dollars.

Resolved that in future, Meetings of this Society be held regularly
once a Week.

An Adjournment.

Aug. 29th Resolved that three Members be appointed to nurse
the Laws, and that an Election of them be held on the next full
meeting.

That every Member, who desires to propose anything to this Soci-
ety, produce it in writing.

That every Member who is absent from Society, be written to in
the most pressing Terms, to attend on the 5th of December, in Or-
der to celebrate that glorious Day which gave Birth to this
happy Union. The Society wishing not to impose this

Burden altogether on the Clerk, proceeded to appoint an Assis-
tant, Mr Hardy, to him, for this Purpose.

Resolved that the two Members appointed to argue agreeable to
Resolve 18th, shall be confined to the Subject of the Compositions
delivered at the same Meeting, and that it be moreover strongly
recommended to the other Members for an additional and improving
Exercise, to give their Sentiments contemporaneously on the same Subject,
after hearing the others. —

Sept 11. At a meeting of this Society, the President being absent, Mr Short was appointed to that Post. Mr. Hall & Mr. Coche agreeable to the last Appointment, delivered their Declarations, upon the Advantages of an established Church. Three Members, agreeable to a Resolue at the last Meeting, were appointed to revise the Laws, viz. Mr. Stuart, Mr. Hall & Mr. Hardy. Mr. Hall, being one of the Judges, a temporary Successor was appointed to inspect his Performance, viz. Mr. Hardy. An Adjourn^t.

Sept. 18. & 25. At two Meetings no Business appearing from Absence of the appointed Members, Adjournments took Place.

Oct 10. At a Meeting of this Society, resolved that a late Resolution requiring a Convention of Members once a Week, be annulled, & that in future Meetings be held reformly, viz. once a Fortnight.

Nov 5. Not a sufficient Number of Members appearing here to, at this Meeting, it was resolved that Messrs. Smith & Stuart, being the two eldest Members, declaim at the next Meetings, and that Mr. Fitzhugh, argue on the same Subject.

Resolved that Messrs. F. Fitzhugh, Morrison and Coche, be appointed to make Provisions for the ensuing Anniversary, that it may be celebrated with a becoming Solemnity.

Mr. Archibald being Mr. Stuart being recommended as a person worthy an admission to this Society, was in due Form introduced.

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Whereas the Members of this Society are willing to take under the
Care, Objects worthy of Charity; Resolved that Mess^{rs}. Hardy &
Cooke be appointed to look out for some Orphan, likely to receive
Advantage from being put to a proper School, & make their Report
of the same to the ensuing Meeting.

Resolved that the Clerk purchase for the Use of this Society ten
Quires of Paper, & that he draw upon the Treasurer for the Price of the
same.

An Adjournment.

Dec^r: 4th. At a Call Meeting, it appearing that the State of the Society
was declining through Want of Members, Resolved that a Committee
be appointed to take the same into their Consideration.

Resolved that Mess^{rs}. Hall, Hardy, A. Stuart, Short, & S. Stuart
be appointed.

Mess^{rs}. John Browne, Pieson Bowdoin, Lyttleton Eyre & Daniel ^{Cox} ~~Be~~
being generally recommended as Gentlemen worthy an Admission
to this Society were accordingly initiated.

The Business of the Evening being over, the Society adjourned in their
Agreement on tomorrow Evening at the Raleigh, to celebrate the
Anniversary of this Fraternity.

Dec^r: 6th. The Society having met agreeable to Appointment, after the
President had assigned and delivered a valedictory on the Occasion, the King
was of a tenability & mirth. Mr. S. North and the ^{Sir} ~~Smith~~ of the former
Members attended on this new ^{our} ~~our~~ Dignity which they have the quietest

Admission of new Members of the Society.

Dec. 10. At a Meeting of this Society, upon a Motion made that a President be elected, it was agreed on, and after examining the Ballots the greatest Number appearing in Favour of Mr. Shost, became in Person confirmed; for which the Society presented him Thanks.

Resolved that in future, Admission to this Society be not confined to Collegeians alone.

That if any Member appointed to declaim or argue, absent himself on the Night of his intended Performance, he be subject to a Penalty of five Dollars, unless his Excuse be deemed sufficient by the Society.

Mr. J. Stuart formerly appointed one of the Committees to review the Laws, being about to leave College, Mr. A. Stewart was appointed to succeed him.

An Adjournment.

Jan. 23rd At a Meeting of this Society, the clerkship being vacant by appointment of the late Clerk to the Chair, a new one was ballotted for, and the greatest number of votes appearing in favour of Mr. John Nixon, he was accordingly confirmed.

Resolved that in future members be elected and confirmed by ballot and that it be performed by the word
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Mr Heath & Mr Hite were appointed to engage in
composition and Messrs Short and Newison in argu-
-mentation at the ensuing meeting

An adjournment

February 6th At a meeting of this Society Mr Heath
being absent the compositions were not delivered.

Mr Clements being proposed as a worthy member, was
ballotted for and received.

Mr Ballandine being also recommended as a worthy
member, was ballotted ^{for} and received.

On a motion made for appointing a successor to Mr
S^r Hardy in order to revise the laws Mr Short was ap-
-pointed to succeed him.

On account of Mr Hites indisposition he is second of
Mr Short appointed in his stead to produce in opposition
to Mr Heath. Messrs Hall and Newison to argue.

The business of the evening being finished an
adjournment took place.

February 21st At a meeting of this Society Messrs
Heath and Brown upon making known the reason
of their absence the last meeting were excused by
the Society.

According to appointment Messrs Heath and
Short delivered their compositions and Messrs
Hall and Newison argued.

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Mr. ... and ... were appointed to ...

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Mr. ... Baker, Howe and ...

A ... was received from ...

The business of the night being finished ...

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At a Meeting of this Society on March 13th 1779

According to appointment Messrs Stuart and Brown delivered their Compositions, and Messrs Boudin and Eyre argued.

Upon examination of the Treasurers accounts there was found to be 5⁰ 8 in the Treasurers.

Mr Wm Smith being recommended to this Society as a worthy Member was ballotted for and initiated in due form.

Messrs Brent and Clements were appointed to produce compositions enquiring whether Agriculture or Merchandize were most advantageous to a State.

Messrs Baker and Balandine were appointed to argue on the same subject.

The business of the Evening ^{being} finished an adjournment took place.

At a Meeting on Saturday March 27th 1779

The Judge having examined the compositions produced at the last Meeting, Mr Browns was deemed ^{to be} worthy of being preserved and accordingly was preserved.

Mr William Stuart being recommended as a worthy

Member of this Society was ballotted for Decimated
in due form

Mr Brunt and Clements according to appoint-
ment produced their compositions

Mr Ballandine being excused from arguing on
account of his situation and Mr Baker the other
disputant being absent, the Subject was discussed
by the Members.

Messrs Ballandine and Moore were appointed
to produce compositions enquiring whether Bru-
tus was justifiable in ^{having} ~~falling~~ his Sons executed.
Messrs Roane and Stith were appointed to argue
on the same subject

The business of the Evening being finished
an adjournment took place

At a meeting on Saturday the tenth
of April. As our President was absent
a temporary one being ballotted for Mr Stith
was appointed.

According to appointment Messrs Balla-
-dine & Moore produced their compositions

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Mr John James Beckly being recommended as a worthy member of this Society was balloted for and it was resolved that there shall be a meeting on Monday Evening for his initiation. Messrs Baker and Stuart were appointed to bring compositions enquiring into the cause and origin of Society, Messrs Heath and Fitzhugh to argue on the same subject.

The business of the Evening being finished an adjournment took place.

At a meeting April 12th agreed to appointment, Mr John James Beckly was initiated in due form.

At a Meeting about the 19th Mr Thomas Lava being recommended as a worthy member of this Society was balloted for & initiated in due form, Mr Boudoin being about to depart for Europe, requested the

company of the Society at the Raleigh where
 he gave them a very elegant Entertainment
 with many Toasts suitable to the occasion.
 The Evening was spent by the Members in
 a Manner which indicated the highest es-
 teem for their departing Friend, mixed
 with sorrow for his intended Absence &
 Joy for his future Prospects in Life.

April 25th 1779 -

According to appointment Mr Stuart produced
 the other Gentlemen being absent the subject
 was not discussed.

Mrs^r Heath & Hall making the Society ac-
 quainted with the reason of their absence
 at the last meeting, were excused.

Mrs^r Buckley & Savage were appointed
 to bring in compositions enquiring
 whether a wise state hath any interest
 nearer at Heart, than the Education
 of the Youth. An Adjournment

Pursuant to Summons from the President for a Meeting of the B.B.K., eleven Members convened at College, Wednesday Evening, May 5th, 1779.

In Absence of the President, Mr. Wall's proposal pro Terms, and on Ballot received a Majority of Votes:

Whereupon he took the Chair accordingly.

J. S. Beakley in like Manner proposed and appointed Clerk.

Mr. W. being desired to leave College has leave to resign the Office of Treasurer, and desires that his Books may be examined.

Ordered to be referred to a Committee - Mr. Bent and Mr. Stuart to review and report immediately.

Committee reported Accounts fairly stated and Cash in Hand £ 38. 19. 8 with a Balance due the Treasury £ 10. —

Ordered to transfer Cash in Hand to the next Treasurer, with the Books.

The Society proceeds to appoint a Treasurer - Mr. Stuart being proposed, on Ballot received a Majority of Votes.

Mr. President, Mr. Knison, & Mr. Knison absent and ordered to be noted.

Adj^t till Meeting in June.

Wednesday May 10th 1779.

Mr. President and Mr. Kerwin offered reasons to excuse their non
attendance ^{at last meeting} which was admitted as sufficient.

Mr. John Page and Mr. Henry Blunt were severally recommended
as worthy members of this Society, and on a Ballot taken Mr. Page
was unanimously elected and initiated in due form.

Mr. Blunt on a ballot taken for him was rejected, three Ballots
being retained with the vote 200.

Mr. De Witt and Mr. Beckwith delivered reports about
five and six on the Question whether it is with a tolerable
Interest to be at least 100000000 of Dollars?

Mr. De Witt was in favour of it, and Mr. Beckwith
was against it. The report was read and the
Society adjourned till the next meeting.

The next meeting was on the 17th of May, and
was attended by a large number of the
Members. Mr. De Witt and Mr. Beckwith
delivered reports about five and six on the
Question whether it is with a tolerable
Interest to be at least 100000000 of Dollars?
Mr. De Witt was in favour of it, and Mr. Beckwith
was against it. The report was read and the
Society adjourned till the next meeting.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land in the town of ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land in the town of ...
 I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land in the town of ...
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The Clerk being absent Mr. Boon was appointed pro Tempore
The Committee formerly appointed, having been prevented by un-
avoidable Accidents from completing the Business relative
to the Charter, prayed for an additional Allowance of time
Upon a Motion made it was agreed so -

The Treasurer being absent to leave College for some time desired
that his Account might be examined by a Committee, & a Com-
mittee was appointed.

Ordered to be referred to a Committee Mr. Boon, & Mr. Boon to ex-
amine & report immediately.

Committee reported that the Accounts were fairly stated
& Cash in hand \$1. 19. 8 with a balance due the Town of \$200
Ordered to transfer the Cash in hand to new Treasurer with the
Balance due.

Proceeded to appoint a Treasurer, Mr. W^m Gubell being recom-
mended was accordingly appointed.

Resolved that as the Price of Imitation hitherto paid is in-
adequate to the purpose it be augmented to Ten Dollars.

Messrs. Boone & Stewart were appointed to bring in Composition
inquiring whether anything is more dangerous to Civil Liberty
in a free State than a Standing Army in time of Peace.

Messrs. Page & Savage to argue on the same Subject -
The Business of the Evening being finished an Adjournment
took place.

At a meeting held on the present

July 5. 1779.

Mr. Buckley reported from of Charter party - read & referred to a Committee of the whole Mr. Brown in the Chair, reported, a debate by paragraphs (and agreed to.)
Resolved that the Charter party do pass.

Mr. Short presented additional laws read & agreed to -

Mr. Buckley offered excuse for non attendance at last meeting, admitted as sufficient -

Mr. Tuttle in like manner excused for his first non attendance and fined for three next attendings.

Adj^d.

At a Meeting held in course. July 10. 1779.

The Clerk being absent Mr. H. Coker was appointed pro tempore. -

Mr. Stuart & Mr. Croase brought in their compositions as by the last meeting appointed and likewise

Mr. Savage & Mr. Page argued on the same. -

The Persons app^d to examine and return whether the Pieces delivered be worthy or no to be kept, two of which ^{have} now left Coleridge, ^{then being legs appointed} one of w^{ch} is pro tempore the other is app^d constantly to act viz. Mr. Brown to act constantly & Mr. Buckley pro tempore. -

Resolved that the Clerk provide an Ink stand and return the price of the same to the Treasurer, which may be reported the next meeting.

The Persons appointed to form a Seal for this Foun^d Society are Mr. Short, Mr. Brown & Mr. Buckley.

Ordered that Mr. Hardy have this Charter by the unanimous voice ^{minutes, now} of this meeting.

Mr. Gabbler & Mr. Fitzhugh appointed to bring in com-⁽³²⁾
positions the next meeting & Mr. Short & Mr. Cooks to
argue wth the Parents hair a right to prevent the
marriage of Children after entering into contract
The business being finished an adjournment took
place.

A Meeting called by the President, July 11th 1779.
The form of Charter being again referred to the consideration
of a Committee, several alterations were suggested as neces-
sary by Mr. Short, the amendments proposed being read
in their proper places, and agreed to.

Mr. William Howard then petitioned the society by that
form of this Charter first proposed has provided him
The Society considering the excellent attachment to
his interest, and the particular attention paid to his
cause unanimously resolved that the same be granted
him.

Resolved that a copy of the form of Charter party and
also of the laws be drawn off and delivered to Mr. W. Howard
Resolved also that Mr. Savage and Mr. Capelle be ap-
pointed to do the same. Adj. till tomorrow night.

July 12th. The PBK met agreeable to adjournment;
According to a former resolution the form of Charter
party was delivered Mr. Short together with the Code
of Laws drawn off according to direction
Adj. till day in course.

A Meeting held in course July 24th 1779.
The Clerk being absent Mr. Corbett was appointed pro
tempore.
Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Capelle brought in their Com-
positions agreeable to adjournment & Mr. Short and
Mr. Cooks argued on the same.

Upon a Motion made, Ordered that the Term instead of five Dollars and five as they
now stand, be raised to ten Dollars and twenty.

Mr. Brown and Bunt appointed to bring in Compositions Mr. Thomas & Mr. Cooks
to argue the subject, Whether the Application of the Statute was legal.

An Adjournment.

At a Meeting called by the President July 31st 1779
The Clerk being absent Mr. Bunt was appointed pro tempore.
Mr. Elijah Parnale is recommended as a worthy Mem-
ber of this Society, and on a Ballot taken he is unanim-
ously ^{admitted} and initiated in due form.
An Adjournment took place -

At a meeting of the P. B. K. August 7th 1779
The Clerk being absent Mr. W. Cabell was appointed
to act in his stead.
The Genl. appointed to compose, brought in their
compositions, and those that were to support them
offered their declamations.
Resolved that Mr. Brent & Mr. H. Cooke be appointed
to procure a box of such dimensions as may appear
most proper, to deposit the papers in belonging to
this Society; also they procure a suitable stand for it,
all of the same.
Mr. Beckley and Mr. Dient to write Mr. Savage & Mr.
Poggetburgue. The subject of disputation to be whether
Constitutional or Monarchical or most subject to
securities & commotions.

Adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the P. B. K. August 14th 1779.
John Beckley offered excuse for non attendance at two last
meetings which were admitted as sufficient.
Mr. Hartwell Cooke in like manner
Mr. Brent was called on but offered no reasonable excuse (and
was thereupon fined according to Law.
On the motion of Mr. Cabell the form of a Charter Party is
granted him by Ballot to be signed and to Law. The Mover
ing hereby established to be called the Δ Δ Δ
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At a meeting called October 25th 1779.

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The President not present Mr. John Division was appointed his temporary and likewise Mr. Burkhead Locke was appointed clerk pro tempore.

Mr. Richard Locke was ballotted for then being a dissenting voice he was not elected.

The business being finished an adjournment took place

At a meeting of the G. B. Co. October the 29th 1779.

The President being absent, one was ballotted for a majority appearing in favour of Mr. Brown he resumed the chair.

The clerk being likewise absent one was ballotted for a majority was for Mr. Division.

In consequence of one of our laws we proceeded to the choice of two gentlemen to declare on the anniversary. Mr. Hood & Mr. Brown were elected for that purpose.

Mr. Felt, Hugh & Mr. Cooke to write & Mr. S. to read & Brent to argue.

The business of the evening being finished an adjournment took place.

Meeting convened the 13th November 1779

Ordered that the Gent. appointed to declaim (and argue at this meeting be continued therefore at the ensuing meeting.

A Subject is directed on the following Question - Whether a general Assentment for the Support of religious Establishments is or is not repugnant to the Principles of a republican Government.

Mr Brown discharged from appointment at last meeting to declaim on the Anniversary - and a Ballot taken for another person in his stead - Mr Stuart elected -

Ordered that Summons issue to convene the absent Members on the Anniversary.

Various causes suggesting to this Society, the necessity of appointing a Vice President of this Body to reside in College, and the insufficiency of General Laws having occasioned delays in Business & other inconveniences thereupon - It is hereby declared a future Law of this Society, that a Standing Vice President be appointed, who shall have these powers in the absence of the efficient President that is given by Law - and it is ordered that this be added to the Standing Laws of the Society - So much of any former Law as is repugnant to this is hereby repealed.

Mr George Brent was recommended as a Gentleman worthy the honor of admission as a member of this Society and on a Ballot taken he was unanimously admitted & initiated in due form.

This Society proceeded to Ballot for a Vice President and on opening the Ballot Mr Stuart - is elected

Ord. Mr Fitzhugh withdrawing himself be voted -

An Adjournment took place.

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At a Meeting convened November 27th 1779.

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The Clerk being absent Mr. Cabell was appointed to act pro tem pro.
The Post. appointed to of usual exercises performed agreeable
to Custom.

Ordered that Saturday next be celebrated as a Anniversary
of this Society.

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Buckley and Rollandine be
appointed to make a proper provision for of evening
of 1st December. In of entertainment of this Society.

Ordered that 2nd of fine of five shillings be inflicted on
Mr. Fitzhugh for withdrawing himself on of evening of 1st
12th Nov.

Mr. Buckley excused from performing at of next meeting
from of multiplicity of business which press him.

Mess^{rs} Rollandine and Plowm appointed to declaim and
Mess^{rs} Savage and Page to argue. The theme of Disputation
whether Theatrical exhibitions are advantageous to states
or of Contrary.

The business of of evening being over an adjournment
took place.

At a Meeting call'd by of Vice - President Dec^r 2^d

1779.

Mr. Cabell agreeable to Law. Laid his accounts as Treasurer
before of Meeting. and desired that they might be examined.

Ordered to be referred to a Committee. Mr. Brown & Mr^r
Perant, to return and report immediately.

Committee reported accounts fairly stated and Cash in hand
£ 23. 9. 0 and balance due to Treas^r £ 6. 14.

Mr. Cabell about to leave College for some time begged that
a Treasurer might be appointed to act pro tem pro.

Ordered that Mr. Brown be appointed to be of of term.

Introduced a Law which is ordered to be added to of Standing
laws of of Society and may be seen under XXII.

Adjourn'd till Saturday Evening.

36) Saturday the 4th of December 1779.

A Meeting of the FBK was convened at six o'clock PM being of the Anniversary to commemorate that day, at Mrs. Durfords in Williamsbury, present Mr. President and 12 other members.

Mr. President left of Chair and Mr. Fitzhugh was called to of Chair for of Evening.

Mr. President and Mr. Stuart agreeable to appointment of a former Meeting exhibited their Declamations on given subject.

Petition of Mr. Parmelee for a Charity Party, to institute a Branch of this Society at Cambridge in Massachusetts, granted.

^{Resolved} Mr. Biscoe, Mr. Cabell appointed to examine Exhibitions and report to next Meeting.

Adjourn'd. till tomorrow Evening.

Short Sermon

A Meeting convened on of Evening of 5th December

1779.

Mr. President leaving of Chair called Mr. Brown to some

Mr. President suggesting of necessity of making ^{some} provision in of form of Charity Party, to enhance it properly and give it an extensive footing, in of State of Mass. & N. B. Bay propose some amendments ^{for trans} which being read in their proper places were accorded to.

Resolved that so much of Mr. Parmelee's petition as relates to of Establishment of a Phi. Society to be conducted in a less mysterious manner than the FBK he not agreed to, as of design appears to be incompatible with of principles of this Work.

Ordered however that Mr. Parmelee be thanked for of proof which he has given of his zeal by openly communicating his sentiments to this Society.

Mr. President and Mr. Cook appointed to do the same. Adjournment took place.

Short Sermon

At a Meeting called by the President Decem: 9. 179² 39

Mr President leaving the Chair, called Mr Stewart to the same. The Clerk being absent Mr Bunt is appointed Secretary pro tempore.

Whereas this Society is desirous that the Phi Beta Kappa should be extended to each of the United States

Resolved that a second Charter be granted to our Brother Mr Elisha Carmeli for establishing a Meeting of the same in the College of New Haven in Connecticut, to be of the same Rank, to have the same Powers, and to enjoy the same Privileges with that which he is empowered to fix in the University of Cambridge. The next time the adjournment took place

Wm. B. Bunt

At a Meeting in Course Saturday the 11th Decem: 179²

Arguable to usage a Commencement was held. Mr Bunt as Chairman Mr J. Ballou and Mr. Moore delivered Declarations on the subject given at last meeting. The same was argued and attended discussion the subject was postponed.

- Mr. Cooke, excused for first non attendance.
- Same, for second non attendance & not writing excused.
- Same, for third non attendance at last meeting fined.
- Mr. Beckley fined for absence non attendance.
- Mr. Fitzhugh non attendance noted.

Wm. B. Bunt

The inclemency of the winter season and refusal of the
 students and other members of the S. B. S. having
 interrupted the regular meetings of this Society, a few of
 the members remaining in Winsted convened on Saturday the
 1st of March upon a subject for Declaration on the same
 day & it being agreed on, a meeting was
 called and held on Saturday the 11th of March, being
 the day of meeting in course - To wit for this or other business.

J. W. T. President.

And six other members.

M^r. Novison and M^r. Short delivered declamations on the
 Question "Is a public or private ~~edu~~ Education more advantageous."
 M^r. Locke and M^r. Smart argued on the same Question (and
 after discussion the same being fully investigated, was closed.

Ordered that a Charter Party be granted to J^r. Buckley
 by the unanimous vote of this meeting to be denominated the
 "Free" and established at Richmond.

~~Resolved~~ Resolved and took place.

M^r. Brown and M^r. Short appointed to declaim
 M^r. Novison and M^r. Locke - to argue at next
 meeting. Question. Had William the Norman a right to invade England.
 An Adjournment took place.

J. W. T. Pres.

At a meeting of this Society, Thursday the thirteenth
of April 1770 Present the president and
seven Members Mr Hartwell Coche being absent
the literary business was postponed
Messrs Short and Joseph Cabell being proposed as
worthy members of this Society were balloted for
and received

Ordered that a copy of the Charter be drawn up im-
mediately and sent to Mr Beckley together with
a letter of thanks

The business of the Evening being finished
an adjournment took place

At a meeting of this Society April 22^d 1770
Present all members except Mr Coche, Mr
Palandine

Mr Brawn and Mr Short according to a former
order delivered their declarations in the Quaker
hall for the Norman a right to the crown of
Great Britain. Mr Coche being absent Mr Nixon
delivered his sentiments

according to order of last meeting a charter
draft together with a letter of thanks was

drawn of sent to Mr. Br. Uley
 That the business of this Society may be carried
 more regularly than of late it is resolved, that in
 future every Member who is fined by this Society
 for nonattendance & neglect of paying the money
 to the Treasurer immediately, shall be obliged to
 pay an interest of 25 pcent monthly upon every
 such fine so long as he is in arrears.

Mr. John Stuart and Mr. Tho^s Fyfe being ap-
 pointed to reclaim, Mr. Arch^d Stuart & Mr. Tho^s
 Balantine to argue the question, whether the
 execution of Charles the first was justifiable?
 An adjournment

Wm Br. —

At a meeting of this Society the 18 of May 1790
 Cap^t John Marshall being recommended as a Gentle-
 man who would make a worthy Member of this Society
 was ballotted for & received

Mess^{rs} Tho^s Leitch & London Cabell being also recom-
 mended as worthy a seat in this Society were balloted
 for & received

Mr. George Lee Turberville requesting a Charter to
 establish a branch of this Society in Lexington
 it was unanimously agreed upon that his request
 be granted & that the branch be denominated the

① The business of ye Evening being finished an
 adjournment to the place

At a meeting in course Saturday May 25th 1790

Mr President leaving y^e Chair called Mr Brown to y^e same. — Mr John Stuart according to appointment delivered his sentiments on y^e execution of Charles y^e 1st, & Mr Fitzhugh not being able to procure an author who has treated of this ~~Question~~ Subject said nothing on y^e occasion Mr Balentine being absent, Mr Archibald Stuart & Gentlemen not interested on y^e occasion argued y^e same

Mr Cabell & Mr Peyton Short appointed to declare y^e Question, whether any form of Government is more favourable to public virtue, than a Commonwealth.

Mr Joseph Cabell & Mr Marshall to argue y^e same

An adjournment

That

At a meeting in course Saturday June 3rd 1790

Mr President having y^e Chair called Mr Brown & Fitzhugh to y^e same Mr Cabell according to order delivered his declamation on y^e Question given and Mr Peyton Short being unprepared was silent on y^e occasion. Mr Marshall & Gentlemen not immediately interested argued on y^e same

Mr Pierce being recommended as a worthy member of this Society was balloted for & received according to the ~~Rules~~ ^{By-laws} agreeable to one of y^e Fundamental laws of this Society. Read his accounts before y^e same for examination.

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Ordered that Messrs John & Archibald be examine of
Treasurer's accounts by of next meeting when they shall
make a report of of same

Mr Balanques excuse for his nonattendance at of last
meeting being deemed sufficient he was accordingly
excused

Mr Puyton Short being called on to give his reasons for re-
delivering a declamation according to appointment gave
such as were thought insufficient

Ordered that Mr Washington and Mr Puyton ^{Short} bring in
declamations at of ensuing meeting, of occasion whitt
of rape of of Sabine woman was just. Mr Lee & Mr
London Cabell to argue ~~on~~ of same

At a meeting on course Saturday June 4th 1780
The President being absent of Vice President filled of
Chair-

Mr Richard Blard Lee being recommended as
a Gentleman worthy a seat in this Society was vot-
ted for & received.

The Vice President leaving of chair call Mr Wm Cabell to
of same-

Mr P. Short being absent Mr Washington alone deliver
a declamation on of subject given out - Mr Lee & Mr Lon-
Cabell and Gentlemen not immediately interested desisted
of same - Mr Richard Lee & Mr John Stuart appeared
to bring in declamation & Mr Wm Short & Mr Tho

Fitzhugh to argue

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At a meeting in course July 27th 1798

Mr Wm Madison & Mr John Swan being recommended as Gentlemen worthy of a seat in this Society were admitted for and received.

The Vice President leaving of Chair called Mr Brown to of same.

Mr Rich^d Lee & Mr John Stuart according to appointment brought in declarations of Question whether

Religion ^{is} necessary in Government Mr Short & Fitzhugh being absent it was not argued.

Mr Kivison & Mr ^{Jasper} ~~Stuart~~ ^{Roane} appointed to declaim

Mr Brown & Mr Brent to argue
an adjournment.

At a meeting of of Society July 29th 1798

Mr President leaving of Chair called Mr Wm Cabell to of same.

According to appointment Messrs Kivison & Roane delivered their declamations of Question whether in a civil

War any person is justifiable in remaining Neutral

Mr Brown & Mr Brent being unprepared were selected & ordered that Mr John Stuart who was appointed as one

of committee to examine of Treasurers account to

advise now absent that Mr Richard Lee do supply

his place & that of committee shall at of ensuing

meeting make their report

Mr Rich^d Stuart & Mr John Brown to declaim Mr

40 David Carol Brent & Mr. Thos. Ballandine
to argue

At a meeting in course August 12th 1788
Conformable to custom of Committee was formed
Mr. Roane as Chairman — Mr. Brown
and Mr. Archibald Stuart agreeable to order delivered
their Declamations of Question Whether Duelling
ought to have toleration in this or any other free
State. Mr. Brent & Mr. Ballandine argued of same
The Committee to whom a Treasurer's accounts were
referred have examined & same & reported that there
are 27,447 in of Treasury the 1st of 8 — in arrears
Mr. Wm. Cabell & Mr. Jas. Cabell appeared to bring
in declamations at ensuing meeting. Mr. Bedford Wash-
ton & Mr. Tho. Lee to argue

In Discourse

At a meeting in course August 19th of the year 1788
Both of President & Vice President being indisposed Mr. Brent
is agreeable to usage a committee was formed Mr.
Roane Chairman — Mr. Wm. Cabell according
to appointment delivered his declamation of Question
whether all our affections & principles are not in
some measure reducible from self Love, holding
of ^{negative} ~~affirmative~~ Mr. Joseph Cabell being absent
was offered in of ^{affirmative} ~~negative~~ except by Mr. Wm.
Lee received testimony Mr. Tho. Lee being
being also absent

ordered that Mr Landon Cabell & Mr Wm Pierce
bring in Declamations at y^e ensuing meeting
Mr Richard B. Lee & Mr Wm Madison to argue

In Adjournment

At a meeting in course September 12th 1780

Agreeable to custom the committee was formed Mr Swan
as Chairman

Mr Pierce & Mr R. B. Lee being absent, y^e Question whether
Poltrony is a dictate of Nature or not was handled by
Mr Landon Cabell & Mr Madison

Resolved that Mr Wm Short & Mr Richard Lee do bring
in declamations at y^e celebration of y^e Anniversary

Mr Wm Cabell being absent to depart college Mr David
Brent is appointed to succeed him in his office
as Treasurer

Ordered that the thanks of y^e Society be given Mr
Robert Lee of faithful discharge of his Office
that Mr Swan & Mr Washington wait on him for
that purpose as well as to receive y^e Bashes

Mr Swan & Mr Theophilus Fitzhugh to bring in decla-
mations at y^e ensuing meeting Mr Short & Mr
Madison to argue

In Adjournment

At a meeting in course September 22^d 1788

Agreeable to custom of Committee was formed Mr
Brent as Chairman

Mr Thomas & Mr Coker being absent the Duke?
Whether Avarice or Luxury is more beneficial to a
Republic was only handled by Mr Swan & Mr
No. Nivison

Mr Thomas Coker being proposed as a Gentleman
worthy a seat in this Society was balloted for &
received

Mr Jos. Cabell ^{was} fined for nonattendance only & ever since
he was appointed to declaim

Mr Swan, Mr Tho. Lee, Mr Washington, Mr Madison
& Mr Nivison fined 15 Shillings each for absenting
themselves on Duening's when ~~was~~ ^{was} increased
for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~declaring~~ ^{declaring} ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} ~~Roane~~ ^{Roane} & Mr Preston
to ~~appear~~ ^{appear} at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting}
The business being finished an adjournment took
place

At a meeting in course October 6th 1788

Agreeable to custom of was formed Mr David B. Lee as
Chairman

Mr Stuart being indisposed & Mr Roane being absent a
Question Whether Brutus was justifiable in killing Cassius
was handled by Mr Brent, Mr Short & other Gentlemen
not immediately interested in it debate

Mr Joseph Cabell & Mr Bushrod Washington to declaim
Mr Tho. Lee & Mr Landon Cabell to argue at adjournment
meeting In Adjournment

At a meeting in Course October 22nd 1788

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The vice president being absent Mr Daniel Brent was appointed
in his stead pro tempore

The vice president leaving of Chair called Mr Swan to of some
speech to Appointment Mr Joseph Cabell and Mr Bushrod
Washington delivered their declamation of Question whether a
Man in extreme want is justifiable in stealing from his
Neighbour to relieve his present necessities. Mr Tho. Lee being
^{having} particularly engaged obtained leave of absence. Mr Landan Cabell
absent without leave of subject was not argued

Mr Jm Madison & Mr Swan to bring in declamations at of
ensuing meeting. Mr Tho. Coake & Mr John Swan to argue

An adjournment was agreed in —

at a meeting call'd on the 30th of Nov. — The President
and Vice President being absent Mr Brent Vice
president has temporary took the Chair. The Clerk
being absent Mr T. Lee of pro tempore
Mr Stevens Barron Mr Mason being recommen-
d'd as a worthy ^{gentleman} recipient of a seat in this Society
was balloted for and received

Mr Fitzhugh and Mr Landan Cabell were ap-
pointed to speak for a supper at the Raleigh
on the night of the anniversary —

Aground to the Raleigh on Tuesday 7th Dec

At a meeting at the College on
the 5th December to celebrate the anniversary
of that Institution were present W^m Bunt
Vice President W^m Beane W^m Hall W^m
P^r Lee & Mr. Cook —

W^m Bunt V. P. pro tempore took the chair
the clock being about 11. A. C. Hall was ap-
pointed. The W. B. left the chair & called
W^m Beane to give W. D. Lee according
to appointment. Then proceeded to declaim on
the progress of the arts & sciences. President & those
who ~~do~~ were likewise to declaim on the progress
being about a quarter of the night being over
W^m Bunt returned to the chair to receive
the evening ~~being~~ ^{at 10 o'clock} in social hilarity & merrit —
W^m Beane & W^m P^r Lee & W^m Hall were both absent
for indisposition being ill.

1781 — On Saturday the 6th of January a meeting of the G. B. H.
was called for the purpose of framing the Papers of the Society by
laying the Conference of the above & the present Disposition and
Structure the University

The Members who attended were William L.
Daniel C. Bunt, Spencer Poore, Charles Hall & Luther Coe
— They thinking it most desirable that the Papers should not
be removed, & to avoid to believe them sealed into the Hands
of the College Steward to remain with him until the Session 16th Part
of the Society: Resolved in a Vote his Deponent they
the same & declare that the Society will
Life and Liberty & Glory