The ~~[illegible]~~ statutes of the Society & of the Visitors, relating to students, as reported to be now in force by the committee appointed for that purpose, & adopted by the Society.

Agreeably to a resolution of the society of the 21st April 1827, they are now placed in this book as containing the laws of the ~~Statutes~~ Society & of the visitors in force at that date.

Those marked S.V. are those enacted by the Visitors.

Every Student upon his matriculation, shall pay five dollars for the use of the Library.

When a student first enters College, unless he be a Law Student, he must attend the three junior classes.

If he should wish to attend fewer than three classes, or should desire to attend the senior classes, before he enters either of the classes, he must apply to the Faculty who will decide whether it be expedient to grant his request. A Student will not be permitted to attend a senior class who is not prepared on the necessary preliminary studies unless his age, or other circumstances of much weight, shall induce the society to depart from this rule. Students in the second year of their attendance at College shall attend three classes, unless the Society shall deem it expedient to permit a deviation from that course. (a)

S.V. No Student except those whose primary object it is to attend the Law Class shall be permitted to enter the class of Natural Philosophy who is not acquainted with Plane Geometry, Plane Trigonometry, and simple Equations in Algebra, ~~unless~~ the Society shall deem it expedient to permit a deviation from that course. (b)

The Professors in the several schools shall be entitled to, and receive from each Student, who shall enter their classes before the nineteenth day of February, the sum of Twenty Dollars, and from such Student who shall enter after that time the sum of Ten Dollars and no more. (c)

(a) 8th January, 1827.
(b) 6th July, 1821. & re-enacted by the Visitors on the 6th July 1827
(c) 4th July, 1818.

When a Student enters College and boards with the Steward the whole interval of time between the period of his entrance and the termination of the Lectures in the class or classes which he attends shall be divided into two equal parts and his board estimated according to the Statute of the Visitors for each moiety of the said interval shall be paid in advance and that after such payment nothing shall be refunded by the Steward to a Student in case he should leave College; unless he leaves College by the permission of the Faculty on account of his health in which case the Faculty may decide whether any, and if any, what part of the money paid shall be refunded. (a)

The Steward shall be required to inspect the room occupied by any Student, and in case of damage being committed on the same during his residence in it, he shall be accountable therefor to the Faculty, upon the report of the Steward. (b)

No Student who enters a class according to the Regulations of the College, shall quit the same, without the consent of the Society had in writing, and if any Student shall attempt to withdraw himself of his own accord, then the Professor to whose class he belongs shall first admonish such Student; and if such admonition be not attended with the desired effect, the Professor shall immediately lay the matter before the Society, who shall decide upon the case.

When a Student desires to quit College at any period in the year the consent of the Society shall be necessary for that purpose. (c)

S.V. There shall be two public examinations in each year, one as heretofore, on the second Tuesday in February; the other shall commence six days previous to the fourth of July. (e)

It shall be the duty of the Students as well as the Professors to attend on each public examination, and to induce a regular attendance it shall be the duty of the examining Professor (wherever the Society

(a) 22nd January, 1827.
(b)
(c) August 4th, 1805.
(d) 13th June, 1825.
(e) 26th October, 1808.

shall deem it necessary) to call a general roll from the Matriculation Book, and to note the absentees. (a)

Those Students who may be absent from a Public Examination in consequence of sickness shall, as soon as they have recovered, if it be deemed requisite, be examined fully before the Faculty. (b)

S.V. Any Student who shall be absent from a public examination unless he be prevented by sickness, or hath the permission of the Society to be absent, which permission shall be granted only in cases of urgency, shall be expelled.

S.V. No Student after the second examination in the first year of his attendance, shall be permitted to return to College, unless he shall obtain either a vote of approbation of his attention to his studies and of his moral demeanor from the President and Professors (a copy of which shall be furnished to the Student approved if required) or unless a special license to return be obtained stating the reasons for granting such license a copy whereof shall be laid before the succeeding Convocation.

S.V. The hours of study which every Student shall observe, shall be first from sunrise till breakfast — Secondly from nine o'clock in the forenoon till twelve unless engaged at lecture — Thirdly from half past two o'clock in the afternoon till five unless engaged as before mentioned, or in such duties as shall be required by the rules of the College.

S.V. No Student shall be absent from his room during the hours appointed for study, unless engaged as mentioned in the second section of this Statute, or for some sufficient reason of which the Society shall judge. (c)

S.V. Any Students deemed inattentive to his duties, shall be in the first instance privately admonished by a Professor; should this not produce the desired amendment, such Student shall be reported to the President, who shall thereupon call the young man before him and after due reprehension, inform him that his Father or Guardian will be written to, unless there be in the course of two weeks, a satisfactory

(a) 21st February, 1825.
(b) 19th February, 1806.
(c) 26th October 1808.

improvement in his habits. Should parental advice prove as ineffectual as academick censures, the incorrigible youth will at the expiration of a month be sent home, as idlers can by no means be permitted to remain at this College.

S.V. To remove all doubts as to what constitutes Idleness, every Student is required to be well prepared on all the Lectures which he attends, or he must satisfy the Society that he devotes to his studies at least six hours out of every twenty-four, independently of the time spent in the Lecture Rooms. (a)

S.V. A Roll shall be kept by each Professor which shall be called over at the meeting of his class or classes and all absentees noted. The Roll so kept shall regularly on each Monday at twelve o'clock be laid before the Society and examined and those who have failed in any duty assigned shall then be called upon and in no case shall a delinquent be excused without good and sufficient reason. The proceedings of such meeting with the reasons on which delinquents have been excused shall be entered on the minutes or journal of the Society. Let each Professor carefully preserve the Roll kept by him and lay them before the succeeding Convocation. (b)

No Student shall leave the Lecture Room, during lecture, even in case of urgent necessity, nor shall any excuse be admitted for the want of due preparation at any private examination, or the performance of such exercises as may be assigned, except sickness or leave of absence.

A Professor may direct a Student to leave his lecture room, when his conduct is so indecorous as to interrupt the Professor in the discharge of his duty. (c)

S.V. Students shall be compelled to attend Lecture and in no instance shall absent themselves, without the consent of the Professor lecturing, except in case of sickness. Nor shall permissions of absence be allowed by any Professor in term time, unless at the desire of the Parent or Guardian signified in writing. (d)

(a) 5th July, 1816.
(b) 26th October, 1808.
(c) August 4th, 1815.
(d) 26th October, 1808.

S.P. Every person under the age of twenty-one years who shall matriculate or sign this Statute as hereinafter directed shall be considered as a Student and amenable to the Statutes, Laws and Regulations of the College until the end of the term notwithstanding any attempt whatever to withdraw his name from the matriculation book or signature to this Statute or himself from the cognizance of the College without the assent or desire of his Parent or Guardian in writing.— And such attempt shall be considered as misconduct within this Statute and punishable as other offences within the same.— And where an offence shall be supposed to have been committed by any Student whatever he shall not be allowed to withdraw his name as a Student until his innocence has been established on an enquiry into the said offence, and his conduct shall be subject to examination and censure notwithstanding he may attempt to withdraw his name or may remove himself. The Parent or Guardian of every Student who may be censured, suspended or expelled shall also be notified of the same, and a copy of the proceedings in each case shall be transmitted to such Guardian or Parent in each case. Resorting to Taverns shall be considered as a violation of the Rules and Regulations of the College and in an especial manner be animadverted on by the President and Masters or Professors. The Students shall be compelled to attend the Lectures and in no instance shall absent themselves without the consent of the Professor lecturing except in case of sickness. (a)

No Student or Scholar shall so conduct or behave himself, as if he were subject to none but his own proper master and not under the control and command of the President and every other Master or Professor; but all shall pay a general and ready obedience to the President and every other Master or Professor. (b)

No person other than a Student, or other member of the College shall be admitted as a boarder at the College table: No liquors shall be furnished or used at tables, except beer, cider, toddy or spirits and water.

The keeper of the College Table shall, on no pretext, nor for any consideration, furnish or sell to the Students Wine, or any other spirituous

(a) 24th March, 1802. (b) 14th September 1752.

liquors, to be drunk at any other time or place than at their ordinary meals as aforesaid.

No other person than a Student, a Professor, or the Usher, shall be permitted to lodge within the College;

Every room in College, except such as may be otherwise specially appropriated, shall contain, if necessary, two Students and no more.

No Student shall be permitted to lodge or board, or, without permission from the President or a Professor, go into a tavern. (b)

No Student shall in any way injure, deface or disfigure the building, or the State or any other College property, under pain of restitution for all damages done, beside being subjected to such College punishment as the Society may impose.

No Student shall bet or play at any game whatever, nor keep, or permit to be used or introduced in his room, any cards, dice, or other implements of gaming whatsoever. (c)

No Student shall be in any of the streets of Williamsburg after 10 o'clock at night, unless for satisfactory reasons.

No Student shall play upon any instrument of music before the forenoon, nor at any other time, whilst any School is engaged. No music shall be played in College or on the premises, on Sundays, nor shall playing on any instrument, singing or any loud noise be permitted at any time on the stairs, or in the passages, or in any part of the College, where it may disturb or interrupt those who are orderly and studious. (d)

No Student shall make, or be concerned in making, any unnecessary noise, disturbance or uproar in College, nor commit, nor incite, or persuade any other person, to commit in his room, any excess in drinking, but shall in all respects conduct himself soberly, discreetly and orderly. (e)

(a) 19th December, 1796.
(b) 16th July, 1795.
(c) 19th December, 1796.
(d) 16th July, 1795.
(e) 19th December, 1796.

A place shall be assigned for play-ground, and no Student or Scholar shall carry on the usual sports either between the two western wings of the College, or in the front yard. (a)

No Student shall go into the Garden contrary to the wish of the Gardener. (b)

No boy shall be permitted to saunter away his time, or lounge upon any of the College steps or be seen playing, during school hours, under the penalty of a severe animadversion of the President, or any of the Masters or Professors. (c)

Whenever a Professor shall find it necessary for the preservation of good order, after candle light in College, he may direct any Student or Students inhabiting the same, to retire to his or their rooms; and whoever shall refuse to retire when so required shall be subjected to the penalties of the College. (d)

The Steward shall not permit servants to go into the College after 10 o'clock, P. M. unless he shall deem it necessary on account of sickness or some other urgent occasion. (e)

Any Student who shall frequent a Tavern or be concerned in riotous noise in the streets, or who shall have degraded himself by any single act of drunkenness, or by any other act contrary to good morals shall for the first offence be either publickly censured or expelled and for the second offence shall be deemed unworthy of being a Student, and shall be expelled. (f)

Students and Scholars are required to conform to the Laws of morality and the Laws of the State, to observe modesty, civility and decorum, and in speech and behaviour to shew respect to all who are in the government or instruction of the College; any violation of these duties will be punished as the statutes of the Visitors may direct, and if no Statutes apply to the case the Society will punish by admonition, reproof, censure, suspension, or expulsion; due regard being always had to the nature of the offence and the previous deportment of the offender. (g)

(a) 16th July, 1795.
(b) May 28th, 1784.
(c) September 7th, 1754.
(d) 19th February, 1806.
(e) 7th May, 1827.
(f) 26th October, 1808.
(g)

Whenever a quarrel occurs between two Students, they will not be necessarily expelled unless a violent breach of the peace is actually committed; this declaration being made by the Statute in order that some stay may be interposed between the first emotions of anger and the ultimate completion of revenge. But whenever a duel is fought, then every Student concerned, shall be expelled as the Statute directs. (a)

Any Student known to have about his person any dirk, sword or pistol shall be expelled. (b)

S.V. In all cases where the President and Masters or Professors shall have reasonable cause to believe any Student or Students shall have been concerned in duelling, gaming, riot, drunkenness, profane swearing or any other act in violation of any Statute, Rule or Regulation of the College, or any breach of decorum, and the President and Masters or Professors upon the best proof that can be had shall be satisfied that either of the offences above enumerated have been committed by any Student or Students they shall proceed to censure, suspend or expel such Student or Students in their discretion. Knowingly and wilfully aiding, assisting, counselling, advising or provoking any other Student to the commission of any of the offences above mentioned, or combining, confederating or agreeing with any person to conceal or prevent the discovery of the said offences or either of them is hereby declared an offence punishable in the manner herein before set forth. (c)

Whenever the Faculty have good reason to believe that any Student shall have been disorderly or dissipated, or whenever the general deportment or conduct of a Student shall be such that his continuance at College affords no reasonable prospect of benefit to himself and is prejudicial to others he may be dismissed from the College; and shall leave town as required in cases of suspended Students, and shall not afterwards be admitted into College but on application in writing to the Faculty, who then decide whether he shall be received as a Student.

(a) July 3rd, 1817.
(b)

(c) 24th March, 1808.

If any combination or agreement be entered into or formed by Students to do any act forbidden by a Statute, Law or Regulation of the College, or to forbear a compliance with any injunction of Law or lawful requisition of the Faculty or any member thereof, or if any unlawful act, disorder or act of disobedience be committed agreeably to or in consequence of such combination or agreement, all who offend herein or so many of the offenders will be punished by suspension or expulsion or any lesser College punishment as may be judged necessary for the preservation of good order: and the Society will decide the case of each Student separately, and adjust the punishment to the degree of the offence and the general deportment of the offender: and the Student who shall act as the Chairman or Moderator of any meeting for such purpose or shall collect or assist in taking or collecting the opinions or votes of the Students assembled will be immediately suspended or expelled.

If offences be committed in which there are many actors or abettors, the Faculty may select such of the offenders for punishment as may be deemed necessary to maintain the authority of the Laws and to preserve good order in the College; due regard being had to the nature of the offence and the general character and past behaviour of the person or persons selected. (a).

V. In any case of disorderly conduct within the College in which Students are concerned, every Student in College at the time, whether he be a resident therein or not, shall be considered as a Principal and treated accordingly, unless he can shew his innocence. (b)

Any conduct on the part of the Students, which, in the opinion of the Society, may be injurious to the interests or reputation of the College, may be punished by any such penalties as the Society or Visitors have prescribed for specific offences. (c).

V. After the violation of any Statute, Rule or Regulation by any Student, the Society shall proceed to enquire into the case, and apply the punishment although he may have absented himself. (d)

(a)

(b) 26th October, 1808.

(c) 21st February, 1793.

(d) 26th October, 1808.

S.V. No Student shall be subject to censure more than once. Suspension for the remainder of the course or expulsion, as the case may be, shall always succeed the repetition of the offence for which the censure has been passed, or any other act in violation of the rules of the College. (a)

S.V. When any sentence of expulsion, suspension or censure is pronounced by the President, a copy thereof shall be immediately transmitted to the Parent or Guardian of such Student, and at the time of transmitting the said sentence by the President, a copy of the proceedings of the Society shall also be sent. (b)

Students who may be suspended will be held subject to the Laws of the College during their stay in town, that Statute excepted which requires their attendance at Lecture. But any suspended Student who shall remain in Williamsburg, unless leave shall have been obtained from the Faculty, longer than a week after sentence pronounced shall be expelled. (c)

Of Degrees.— Whereas literary honours, judiciously conferred have a manifest tendency to stimulate ingenious youth in the pursuit of knowledge, and are also to be considered as the distinguishing marks of improved Genius, and established Moral Worth, It is therefore Resolved by the President and Professors, That degrees in different Sciences shall be conferred, under the regulations and considerations following:

I. The degrees to be conferred shall be, 1st that of Batchelor, 2d that of master, and 3d that of Doctor.

Of the Batchelor's degree, there shall be two kinds, viz: Batchelor of Arts, and Batchelor of Law.

The Master's Degree shall be that of Arts. The Doctor's of Law and Divinity.

The Rules to be observed by Students desirous of obtaining the above Degrees shall be the following:

(a) 26th October, 1808.
(b) 13th March, 1802.

(c)

1st No Student shall be admitted as a Candidate for a Batchelor's Degree, unless he be of one year's standing, at least, in this College.

2nd For a Degree of Master, the candidate must have been a Batchelor two years.

3rd The Degrees shall be conferred in the order they are here arranged. No one shall be admitted as a candidate for higher Degrees, unless he has graduated in the lower.

II. The qualifications requisite for each Degree shall be the following:

1st For the Degree of Batchelor of Arts, the Student must have a competent knowledge of Mathematics, including Algebra, Fluxions, and the Projections of the Sphere: must have acquired a knowledge of Mechanical and Chemical Philosophy, Optics and Astronomy: must be well acquainted with Logic, Belles Lettres, Ethics, Rhetorick, Law of Nature and Nations, Metaphysics, Politics and Political Oeconomy.

2nd For the Degree of Batchelor of Law, the Student must have been Batchelor of Arts; he must moreover be well acquainted with Civil History, both Ancient and Modern, and particularly with Municipal Law and Police.

3rd For a Master's Degree, the Student must have an intimate acquaintance with Science in general; or he must have distinguished himself for his researches in a particular science.

4th For the Doctor's Degree, the candidate must prove himself deeply versed in the science in which his Degree is to be taken.

III. Regulations to be observed.

1st In conferring the above Degrees, the strictest regard will always be had to the moral character of the candidate, nor shall Degrees ever be conferred, but upon those, whose conduct, as Students, shall be irreproachable.

2nd Any Senior Student may offer himself, as a candidate for a Degree. Every Student who may be a candidate for a Degree, shall deliver to the President of the College, on or before the 10th of June, in every year, a Thesis written upon such subject as may be proposed, or approved of, by the Society, which Thesis shall, without delay, be submitted to the private examination of each Professor, and then to a meeting of the Society.

The Thesis shall afford a proof that the candidate is well acquainted with the principles of composition; and, for this purpose it shall be distinguished for a clear order, or proper arrangement of all its parts, for just argumentation, for perspicuity and manly of style, and an entire exemption from defects in Punctuation and Orthography; it shall, moreover, afford proof, that the candidate has carefully studied the subject of his Thesis, and has obtained just philosophical and correct ideas respecting it, as are the result of industrious research, and of that degree of scientific attainments which may be reasonably expected from those who have availed themselves of the advantages of Collegiate instruction.

If the Thesis be approved by the President and Professors the candidate shall then pass on to the different examinations as have been before.

The Society, notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, still reserve to themselves the liberty of publishing to their country, the merits of Students who may be so particularly circumstanced, as not to come within the said Regulations, by conferring Degrees, when they find such extraordinary literary merit and virtue, united, as to induce a deviation from these regulations.

The time for conferring Degrees shall be on the fourth day of July in every year.

Library

Students shall have access to the Library on the following terms, viz:

1st The Library shall be open from 12 to 2 o'clock on every Saturday, when Students may attend, and receive from the hands of the Librarian the book desired.

2dly No book so received shall be kept longer than a fortnight. At that time the book must be returned in good order. In case of injury done to a set by abuse or loss of the volume lent, such sum shall be required to be paid as will repair the injury.

3dly No books presented by the late king of France shall be lent out to Students. (a)

Wm. H. Wilmer. Presidt.

(a) November 18th, 1806.