

APPENDIX B

LAWS AND ORDERS OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

ADOPTED JUNE 3, 1755

I. OF ADMISSION

FIRST. None shall be admitted (unless by a particular Act of the Governors) but such as can read the first three of Tully's Select Orations, and the Three first Books of Virgil's *Aeneid* into English, and the Ten first Chapters of St. John's Gospel in Greek into Latin, and such as are well versed in all the rules of Clark's Introduction so as to make true Grammatical Latin and are expert in Arithmetic as far as the Rule of Reduction to be examined by the President or fellows.

2dly. Every Scholar shall have a Copy of these Laws and his Admittatur shall be signed at the End of them by the President upon his Promissing all due Obedience to them which Promise shall be expressed in Writing under his hand.

II. OF GRADUATION

FIRST. The Examination of Candidates for the Degree of Batchelor of Arts shall be held in the College hall about six Weeks before Commencement by the President or fellows when any of the Governors or any who have been Masters of Arts in this College may be Present and ask any Question they think Proper and such Candidates as have resided four years and are then found Competently versed in the Sciences wherein they have been instructed shall then be admitted to Expect their Degree at Commencement which shall be on the second Wednesday in May.

2dly. Such as have diligently pursued their studies for three years after being admitted to their Batchelor's degree and have been guilty of no Gross immorality shall be admitted to the Degree of Master of Arts.

3dly. No Candidate shall be admitted to either of these Degrees without fulfilling the Terms above appointed unless in Case of Extraordinary Capacity and Diligence, and by a Particular Act of the Governors of the College.

4th. Every one that is admitted to either Degree shall pay a Pistole to the President.

III. OF THE PUBLICK WORSHIP

FIRST. The President, or one of the Professors or Fellows in his absence shall Every Morning and Evening read the form of Prayers Established by the Governors of the College and according to the Rules and Method therein Prescribed.

2dly. Every Student shall constantly attend the said Publick Service at such stated hours as the President shall appoint, and those that absent themselves shall for every Offence be fined two pence, and one penny for not Coming in due Season unless they can alledge such reasons for their absence or Tardiness as shall appear sufficient to the President.

3dly. Every Pupil shall constantly attend on the Publick Worship every Lord's Day at such Church or meeting as his Parents or Guardians order him to frequent, and for every neglect shall be obliged to perform such Extraordinary Exercise as the President and Professors or fellows shall appoint, unless he hath some reasonable Excuse admitted to be sufficient by the President.

4thly. Every Pupil shall behave with the utmost decency at Publick Worship or in the Hall, and whoever is proved Guilty of any Profane or indecent behaviour, as talking, Laughing, Justling, Winking etc. he shall submitt to an Admonition for the first offence, and to an Extraordinary Exercise for the second, and if Obstinate expelled.

IV. OF MORAL BEHAVIOUR

FIRST. If any Pupil shall be Convicted of Drunkenness, Fornication, Lying, Theft, Swearing, Cursing, or any other scandalous immorality, he shall submitt to open Admonition and Confession of his fault or be expelled if his Crime is judged too heinous for any lesser Punishment, and especially if he be Contumacious.

2dly. None of the Pupils shall frequent houses of ill Fame or keep Company with any persons of known scandalous behav-

iour, and such as may endanger either their Principles or Morals; and those that do so shall first be openly rebuked, and if they obstinately persist in it they shall be expelled.

3dly. None of the Pupils shall fight Cocks, play at Cards, Dice, or any unlawfull Game upon penalty of being fined not exceeding Five Shillings for the first Offence, and being openly admonished and confessing their fault for the second, and Expulsion if Contumacious.

4thly. If any Pupil shall be Convicted of fighting, maiming, slandering, or Grievously Abusing any person he shall be fined Three shillings for the first offence, and if he repeats his offence he shall be further punished by fine, Admonition, Suspension or Expulsion according to the aggravation of his fault, especially if Contumacious.

5thly. If any Pupil be convicted of any Dilapidations of the College or any injury done to the Estates, Goods or persons of any others, he shall be obliged to make good all Damages.

V. OF BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS AUTHORITY AND SUPERIOURS

FIRST. If any Pupil be disobedient to the President Professors or fellows of the College or treat them or any others in Authority with any insulting, disrespectful or Contemptuous Language or deportment he shall be fined not exceeding five shillings for the first Offence or submitt to open Admonition and Confession of his fault, according to the nature of it, and be expelled if he persists Contumacious.

2dly. Every Pupil shall treat all his superiors, and especially the Authority of the College with all duty and respect by all such good manners and behaviour as Common Decency & good breeding require, such as rising, standing, uncovering the head, Preserving a proper distance, and using the most respectfull Language, etc. and he that behaves otherwise shall be punished at the discretion of the President or fellows and Governors according to the Nature and degree of his ill behaviour.

VI. OF COLLEGE EXERCISES AND DUE ATTENDANCE

FIRST. The business of the first year shall be to go on and perfect their studies in the Latin and Greek Classics and go over a system of Rhetoric Geography and Chronology, and such as are designed for the Pulpit shall also study the Hebrew.

2dly. The business of the second and third years shall be after a small system of Logic to study the Mathematics, and the Mathematical and Experimental Philosophy in all the severall branches of it, with Agriculture and Merchandize together with something of the Classics and Criticism all the while.

3dly. The fourth year is to be devoted to the studies of Metaphysics Logic and Moral Philosophy with something of Criticism and the Chief Principles of Law and Government, together with History, Sacred and Profane.

4thly. The Pupils in each of their Turns shall be obliged at such times as the President shall appoint to make Exercises in the severall Branches of Learning suitable to their Standing both in Latin and English, such as Declamations and Dissertations on Various Questions pro and con. and frequently Thesis and Syllogistical Reasonings.

5thly. Whoever shall misbehave in time of Exercise by Talking, Laughing or Justling one another &c. shall be fined one Shilling for each Offence.

6thly. All the Pupils shall be obliged to apply themselves with the utmost diligence to their Studies and constantly attend upon all the Exercises appointed by the President or their Tutors or Professors for their Instruction.

7thly. None of the Pupils shall be absent from their Chambers or neglect their Studies without leave obtained of the President or their respective Tutors, except for Morning and Evening Prayers and Recitation, and half an hour for Breakfast and an hour and half after Dinner, and from Evening Prayer till nine of the Clock at night. The penalty four pence or some Exercise for each offence.

8thly. If any Student shall persist in the neglect of his Studies either through Obstinacy or Negligence, and so frequently fails of making due Preparation for Recitation and other appointed Exercises, and if he refuse to submitt and reform after due Admonition he shall be rusticated *i.e.* suspended for a time and if he does not bring sufficient Evidence of his Reformation he shall be expelled.

9thly. No Student shall go out of Town without the President's or his Tutor's leave, unless at the Stated Vacation, upon Penalty of Five Shillings, and for repeating his Fault he shall be rusticated, and if Contumacious, expelled.

N. B. The Stated Vacations are a month after Commencement,

One Week at Michaelmass, and a Fortnight at Christmas and Easter Week, *i.e.* from Good Fryday till the Fryday following, which last being so near Commencement is to be Considered as only a Vacation from Exercises but not from the College or Dayly Morning and Evening Prayers, and so does not come within the last Prohibition.

All the Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer of the College to be laid out in Books and disposed of as a reward to such of the Schollars as shall Excell in the Course of their Studies in their severall Classes as the President Professors and Tutors or the Major part of them shall Direct.

Under this scheme, President Johnson, who was at first sole instructor, confined himself, after the regular organization of the College, to instruction in Greek, Logic, Metaphysics, and Ethics.

The plan of education recommended by the Committee to supersede that just given, and adopted by the Governors March 1, 1763, was as follows, as quoted from the minutes : —

PLAN OF EDUCATION

FIRST YEAR

Salustii Historia — Cæsaris Commentar: Ovidii Metamor: & alia — Virgil Ecl: Esop: Fab: Gr. Lucian Dialog: Test. Gr: — Grot: de Veritate — Latin and Greek Grammars to be consulted or repeated as often as shall be found necessary. Translations with Lat. & Engl: Eng. & Lat. Themes.

N. B. Corn: Nep: & Select: e profan: if necessary.

SECOND YEAR

Ciceron: Officia & alia — Quint: Curt: — Terent: Com: — Ovidii Epistolæ — Virgil Aeneis et Georgica — Test: Gr: continued — Epictet: Enc: — Xen: Institutio Cyri & Exped: Far-nab: Epig:

N. B. Latin & Gr. Gram: as before.

Wallisii Locia — Sanderson Comp. — Johnson Noetica. Rhetoric — Repetitions to learn the Art of speaking.

Trans: into Lat: & Eng: continued — Lat: Themes. Lat: & Eng: Verses.