The Black Book of King's College
Before the next Thursday, to which time the Session adjourned on Account of being recommended to the Board of Governors for Suspension, and that, in the mean time, the said offenders be confined.

At a Meeting, by Appointment,
Thursdays, Nov. 25, 1773.

Agilbier, Seaman; Daven, Ralph; 2. Do. Will; having neglected to give in their Exercise as commanded by the preceding Resolution, it is resolved that

Agilbier
Seaman
Daven
Ralph
Do. Will

The President is directed to give such Exercise to each as he shall think fit, in case of failure in any of the above particulars, or any one of the above Students, the Committee will report to the Board, for degradation or expulsion.
The BLACK BOOK, or BOOK OF MISVEMEANORS in KING'S COLLEGE, New-York, 1771-1775.

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FOREWORD

Columbia is most fortunate in having had preserved through a hundred and sixty years that extraordinary document, "The Book of Misdemeanours in King's College, New York." Myles Cooper, coming to the College after seven years at Oxford, did much to fit it into the pattern of his alma mater, and as part of his system of rigid discipline he introduced the Black Book, which had been for centuries a tradition at Queen's College, Oxford. In its pages, as in no other record which has come down to us, we can be with the students of King's College day by day in the most intimate manner. Aside from its interest as a human document, the Black Book has great value as an unconsciously transmitted source-book with its off-hand mention of facts which historians will eagerly pounce upon.

The original is a black leather volume measuring seven and three-fourths by six and one-fourth inches; it is a blank-book of about a hundred and fifty leaves, of which only the first thirty-one pages and the last page bear writing. Three handwritings appear in the book, those of Myles Cooper, Robert Harpur and Benjamin Moore. Although extracts from the Black Book have frequently been published, this is the first time it has been printed in full. It has been transcribed as literally as modern typography will permit. Material crossed out in the original has been enclosed in angle-brackets, viz. <>; this material is of two sorts: errors, and expiated punishments. The students mentioned in the book have been identified as far as possible in footnotes.
THE BLACK BOOK OF KING’S COLLEGE

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Book of Misdemeanours
in King’s College
New York
The first of the Kind beginning
in the year 1771

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Book of Misdemeanors
Alias
Black Book

[p. 4]  
Shreeve\(^1\)  
Abrahams\(^2\)
Bogert\(^3\)  
confined to College for taking Tea-cups out of
another student’s room, and denying that they
knew anything of them.—N.B. Shreeve the
most culpable.

<restored.> liberated.

Skene\(^4\)  
reprimanded publicly at a Visitation for having
come thro’ a Hole in the College-fence, at 12.
o’Clock at Night.

Mar. 27. & 28.  
At a Visitation.
Shreeve  
suspended by y^e Committee for wilfully absent­
ing himself the second afternoon of examina­
tion—suspended till the next general Meeting
of Governors.

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June 22\(^d\) 1771.
Skene suspended by the President for coming over the College­
fence at 1/2 past 11. o’Clock, last Night.
restored.

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1 Rev. Thomas Shreve, B.A. 1773, M.A. 1776, died 1816.
2 Isaac Abrahams, B.A. 1774.
3 Cornelius Bogert, B.A. 1773 (1754–1832), lawyer [N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, XXVI, 123].
4 Andrew Skene, B.A. 1772 (1753–1826), Brigade-Major and Captain of Dragoons in the British Army [N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, XXVI, 123].
June 29. 1771. Robinson¹ suspended by the President for being indebted in two Gr. Themes, and one Gr. Translation, after having had Time much more than sufficient for the performance of them; it not appearing that he had any Intention of doing them at all.

restored.

Ogilvie² suspended by the President for the same Fault.

restored.

Aug. 5. Bogert to be represented to the Governors, the next Visitation, for refusing to come to College, last Saturday, when sent for—tho' he knew he was confined by the President <for> till he should compleat some Exercises—and, afterwards declaring (which was proved to his Face to be a Falshood) that he did not know he was sent for.

Performed the Exercise set him, and was absolved.

Degrated [degraded] by the Board of Governors for different heinous offences, till by their dutiful Behaviour they shall merit Restoration.⁴

[p. 6] 1771 Sep' Bogert Shreeve Ricketts³

Degraded [degraded] by the Board of Governors for different heinous offences, till by their dutiful Behaviour they shall merit Restoration.⁴

[1771 Sep']

A Complaint made by Mf's Wrag against Dunscomb⁵ for wounding her Son—

— 23. Dunscomb privately examined — confessed the Fact with which he was charged — reprimanded, & admonished to behave better for the future,

² Rev. George Ogilvie, B.A. 1774, Hon. M.A. Coll. N. J. 1788; son of Rev. John Ogilvie; Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, N. J., 1787-1790, St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Conn., 1790-1796, Christ Church, Rye, N. Y.; 1796-1797; died 1797 [W. B. Sprague, Annals of the American Pulpit, V, 137; N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, XXVII, 35].
³ James Ricketts, entered 1770, "left Coll. in his 2d year, went into the Army" [Matricula].
⁴ Handwriting of Myles Cooper ends; the next entries by Robert Harpur, Hon. M.A. 1762, Professor of Mathematics and Natural History 1762-1765, Professor of Mathematics 1765-1767; later engaged in private tutoring in connection with the College.
⁵ Edward Dunscomb, B.A. 1774; Lieutenant and Captain New York Militia; Trustee of Columbia 1795-1814; Sheriff of New York 1810-1811; died 1814 [N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, XXVI, 186-187, XXVIII, 173].
which he promised — public Scrutiny into the Affair omitted on Condition that his Behaviour hereafter be regular & irreproachable—

Decem. 23. Bogart, Shreeve & Ricketts, in Consideration of their regular & dutiful Behaviour, had their Degradation removed, & were restored to their former Classes by the Board of Governors.

1772

April Philipse the second complained of, by the President, to the Committee of Visitation for repeatedly absenting himself from Prayers, & frequent Neglect of Duty in other Respects; particularly, for not bringing in the weekly Bill of his Class, in which several Fines for Delinquencies should have been inserted — publickly reprimanded —.

[p. 7] 1772

April 28, Robinson spit in the Cook’s Face, kicked, <him> & otherwise abused him; of which he the Cook — complained to the Governors as they came out of Chapel, after hearing the Students of the Senior Class examined for their Degrees.

May 4, the Committee met again on the same Business, when Robinson, for insulting, & ill treating the Cook, & also for Neglect <of Duty> in his Collegiate Exercises, of which the Professors complained, was confined by the Committee, after being publickly reprimanded, & ordered not to go beyond the College Fence <till> for the Space of two Weeks; also to perform such Exercises as the President should assign him, besides attending his Class at Recitation, &c as usual.

Bogart & Shreeve were reprimanded at the same Time for absenting themselves from Prayers, & not bringing in their Themes; ordered also to perform such additional Exercises as should be assigned by the President, besides their usual Duty.

[p. 8] 1772

July 8, Douglas, for Stealing 8 Sheets of Paper & a Pen-Knife,

1 This was either Frederick or Nathaniel Philipse, cousins, who graduated in 1773.
2 James Douglass, entered 1771.
was reprimanded in the College Hall before all the Students. & after having his Gown stripped off by the Porter, he was ordered to kneel down & read a Paper containing an Acknowledgement of his Crime, expressing much Sorrow for it, & promising Amendment for the future— He was then forbidden to wear his Gown or Cap for one Week.

July 9, Remsen, for beating Nicholls, the preceeding Week, & absenting himself from College under Pretence of Sickness, for several Days, tho' it was proved he had been fishing on some of those Days; Was ordered to ask Nicholls's Pardon before the Students, which he accordingly did; —— Was also confined to College till the following Saturday Evening, & enjoined to translate into English the 21, 22, 23 & 24 Chap. of the 3d Book of Selectae e Profanis &c — besides his usual Collegiate Exercises each Day.

July 9, Van Beurin, Douglas & Nicholls, who had gone over the College Fence the preceding <Day> Tuesday, between the Hours of 3 & 4 P.M. to bathe, were summoned before the Committee of Visitation, then met; & after being reprimanded, were ordered by the Committee to be confined to College until the next Saturday Evening — each of them was also directed to translate into Latin 4 Pages of Df Chandler's Charity Sermon — besides attending the usual Collegiate Exercises—

1 Jacob Remsen, B.A. 1775.  
2 At this time there were four members of the Nicoll family in the College: Henry Nicoll, B.A. 1774; John Nicoll, who entered in 1772; Matthias Nicoll, who entered the same year, graduated B.A. in 1776, and died in 1827; and Samuel Nicoll, who entered the School of Medicine in 1772 and graduated M.B. in 1774. He was professor of Chemistry and the Practice of Medicine in Columbia College from 1792 to 1794, and a Trustee from 1795 to his death in 1796.  
3 A book now in the Columbia University Library, from the library of Charles Short, LL.D., Professor of Latin 1868–1886, seems to be the book and edition referred to, Selectae e Profanis Scriptoribus Historiae... Leipzig, 1765. This was edited by Jean Heuzet (c. 1660–1728).  
4 John Van Buuren, entered 1771.  
5 A Sermon Preached before the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen, in the Communion of the Church of England in America; at their Annivestary Meeting on October 24, 1771, at Perth-Amboy... By Thomas B[radbury] Chandler, D.D... Burlington, N. J. [1771].
July 16, Apthorp, Ricketts & Robinson were degraded for six Weeks by the Board of Governors, for divers Irregularities committed by them on the afternoon of last Commencement Day, were ordered to be confined to College for two Weeks, & at the Expiration of their Degradation, to make a public Confession in the College Hall before the Committee of Visitation, & such other Governors as shall please to attend.

Ordered also by the Board of Governors, that — Shuckburgh, for being concerned in the said Irregularities, be confined to College for one Month, & make the like Confession with the above Students

Aug 27, Ricketts Robinson Apthorp Shuckburgh

Restored — having all behaved very regularly since their Degradation & punctually complied with every Part of the Order of the Board of Governors respecting them.

Dec 24. Davan suspended by the President for having made several attempts to go out of College, during the Time he was confined by M' Harpur, and denying, when taxed with it, that he had done so.

Restored, January, 1773.

1773.

Feb. 13. <Thomas ordered by the President to attend ye Board of Governors on Thursday next at Hull's, 6. P.M. for abusing, along with many others, M' Harpur, the Evening before.>

Remitted — it having appeared that Thomas was not ye Person.

1 Charles Apthorp, entered 1771.
2 No one of this name appears in the Matricula.
3 Handwriting of Myles Cooper resumed.
4 James Davan, entered 1772.
5 Edward Thomas, entered 1772.
March— Nicoll 1\textsuperscript{mus1} for ill-using Mr Harpur, by calling Troup\textsuperscript{2} Names in the Dark, chose to make a public Acknowledgment of their Greswold\textsuperscript{4} offence, in the public Hall, and to Lamson\textsuperscript{5} ask pardon for their Conduct, in Dibblee\textsuperscript{6} respect both to Him, and the Government of the College, which they had affronted, — \textless rather\textgreater by which Means they were excused from being Represented to the Governors. [p. ii]

Seaman for <repeatedly> playing at Cards in the College — represented to the Committee of Visitation, July 12. — Ordered by the Committee that Remsen, Kissam, Van Bueren, and Reid, as not having transgress'd more than once, have exercises set them adequate to their offence; and that Seaman, Remsen, & Kissam, being old offenders — be represented to ye Board of Governors at their next Meeting.

Ordered— That Ogilvie, Jauncey,\textsuperscript{10} & Devan, having been notoriously guilty of non attendance at Prayers, and Lessons, have exercises prescribed them by the President, to be produced to the Visitors ye 22\textsuperscript{d} inst. — and read in ye College hall — And that all others who are in arrears for Exercises, produce them also, and read them at ye same Time — on pain of being represented to ye next Board of Governors.

\textsuperscript{1} See note on page 4.
\textsuperscript{2} Robert Troup, B.A. 1775, (1757-1832), Lieutenant, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel in the Continental Army, New York Legislature 1786, Judge U. S. District Court New York 1796, Regent of the University of the State of New York, 1824-1827, Trustee of Columbia College 1811-1817.
\textsuperscript{3} William Cock, B.A. 1775, M.A. 1790.
\textsuperscript{4} Joseph Griswold, B.A. 1775.
\textsuperscript{5} William Lamson, entered 1771.
\textsuperscript{6} Frederic Dibblee, entered 1772.
\textsuperscript{7} Benjamin Seaman, B.A. 1774.
\textsuperscript{8} Peter Rutgers Kissam, B.A. 1776, died 1799.
\textsuperscript{9} Thomas Reid, entered 1772.
\textsuperscript{10} John Jauncey, B.A. 1774.
Ordered, That ye Clerk of the Corporation do summon Wm Lamson, who hath absented himself without Leave ever since Easter Vacation — (having then left College against the President's express orders) to appear before ye Visitors in ye College hall, on Thursday the 22d inst.

July 20. Davan suspended by the President, till the Meeting of the Committee of Visitation, on ye 22d — for being indebted six Exercises at once.

Visitation — continued, July 22d, 1773.

Van Bueren and Reid, not having prepared their Exercises, as ordered at the last visitation, —

Ordered that they be confined till the next Saturday, within the College Walls — under pain of being represented to the next Board of Governors — and then to produce to the President the said Exercises, together with such additions as He shall prescribe.

Reid's Exercise rec'd 3d Aug

Ogilvie and Jauncey having produced and read their Exercises, Ordered that they be discharged. [p. 13]

Davan, having absented himself, instead of preparing and giving in his Exercises,

Ordered that He be suspended till the next Meeting of the Governors, and then to be represented to them as deserving of the highest Censure.

Lamson, not appearing according to Order, —

Ordered that ye Matter be referred to the next Board of Governors.

August 25.

Jauncey suspended by the president till the next Meeting of The Governors, for ye most insolent personal Treatment.

Sep 2. Jauncey — by ye Board of Governors, Expelled. [p. 14]

At a Meeting of the Governors, the 15th [originally written 11th] Nov 1773. The President produced to the Board a Pe-
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petition from John Jauncey, who had been expelled, wherein he made a due acknowledgment of his offense, prayed Forgiveness, and entreated to be reinstated in the College — upon which the President being asked whether He was satisfied (as the offence was principally against Him), & answering in the affirmative, It was Ordered That the said John Jauncey be restored, he making a public Confession before ye Committee of Visitation, the President & Professors, at the next Time of Visiting.

At a Visitation Novr 18. 1773.
The aforesaid John Jauncey, having made his Confession in due form, was restored.
Ordered That all Persons who are In Arrear for Exercises do deliver them in to the President [p. 15] before the Next Thursday, to which Time the Visitors adjourn, on pain of being recommended to ye next Board of Governors for Expulsion, and that, in the mean Time, the Delinquents be confined.

At a Visitation, by adjournment,
Thursday, Novr 25. 1773.
Ogilvie, Seaman, Davan, Rapalje 2dus & Willet, having neglected to give in their Exercis, as commanded at ye preceeding Visitation,

Ordered that

Ogilvie
Seaman
Davan
Rapalje 2dus
Willet
Bogert

be confined to his Chamber

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And the President is desired to give such Exercises to each as he shall think proper.

On a Failure in any of those Particulars by any one of the above Students, the Committee will represent him to the Board, for Degradation or Expulsion; being [p. 16] being determined to support the strictest Discipline in the College.

1 John Rapelje, B.A. 1774.
2 Marinus Willett, B.A. 1776.
3 Nicholas Bogart, entered 1773, "dismiss'd in his 2d year" [Matricula].
Thursday Dec 9th at a Visitation
By Adjournment.

Dr Clossy having complained of the following Students for making, one Evening after Prayers, so much Noise and Confusion as to cause him to stop his Anatomical Lecture—

Ordered, That ye President do assign each of the Delinquents, viz.

Seaman
Livingston
Johnson
Bayard
Reid
Rapalje 2d

Such Exercises as he shall judge proper, to be ready by this Day Fortnight.

Watkins
Amory
Rapalje 2d
Bogert

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be confined to their Chambers each one Week for every Exercise which is deficient.

Jan. 19, 1774
Rapalje 2d suspended by the President, till the next Visitation, for leaving College, contrary to express Order, before he had finished a Theme,— and also for being indebted two Exercises at once.

Jan. 23 Amory suspended by the President, till the next Visitation, for repeated Neglects of Duty— and for absenting himself, without Leave, for five Days together.

Jan. 27. Both the above suspensions taken off.

At a Visitation
February 10, 1774. Ordered, that all Students [sic] who are indebted one Exercise, shall be confined two Days: And, that all Absentees from Recitation, since the Christmas Vacation,
shall have an adequate Exercise allotted by the President, and
be confined till the said Exercises are properly finished, and de-
ivered in to the President, or, according to his appointment.

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Feb. 24. At a Visitation

Ordered that ye President shall give such Exercises as he shall
think proper, <and other?> to all Defaulters, and that they have
them prepared by this Day fortnight.

Mar. 11. At a Visitation —

It still appearing that many Exercises are due, notwithstanding
the former orders — The President is desired to prepare a
List of all Delinquencies since ye last Christmas Vacation, and
lay them before the Board of Governors, at their Meeting next
Friday.

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June. 17. Davan to be represented to the Committee, ye next
Visititation, for refusing to open his Door when repeatedly called
upon by the President, (being sent for also from home, where he
had not been for some days) and causing four Doors to be broke
open before he could be laid hold of— N.B. found, at last in
the Room opposite to his own, where he had hid himself, having
opened the Door with a false key, and hid himself in one of the
Studies.

June 20. Rapalje 2dus (viz. John) to be represented for stealing
a pair of Cotton Stockings belonging to Moncrieffe.¹

June 21. Van Bueren)  
Willet 
Davan 
Rapalje 2d

) to be represented to ye Com° &
Board of Governors for having stolen
a very large Quantity of Wine out of
the President’s garret.

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July 12. 1774. At a quarterly Visitation.

Ordered, That the 3d & 4th Classes, for not being duly pre-
pared, do translate in Writing, before next Saturday, the Lessons
they ought to have recited Today: and that so many of the third
Class, as are deficient in their Translations from Lucian, be con-
 fined within the College-Walls, ’till they have completed them.

¹ Edward Cornwallis Moncrieffe, entered 1774, “left College 2d year” [Matricula].
Ordered, That ye other Delinquents be reserved till a Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Bogart — a most frequent offender absent: when sent for, answer returned by his Mother that he had gone from home as to ye College: own’d afterwards he was skulking behind the College.

July 13. Rapaljeimus1, Suspended by the President, till the next Meeting of the Governors, for using Mr Harpur in the most scandalous Manner, and making use of ye most indecent Language.

July 21. The above George Rapalje — being fully convicted of the Charge before ye Board of Governors, — was sentenced to be Expelled.

Aug+ 1. Bogart ordered to appear before ye next Meeting of Governors, for being indebted 15 Exercis — besides the Translations from ye Rom. Hist. [p. 22]

Sep’ 27. At a Quarterly Visitation, 1774.
Bogart, for absenting himself for Months together, and owing more than twenty Themes &c. suspended till the next Board of Governors.

<Reid Bayard Davan Willet> having broke thro’ the Confinement, which was ordered them, at the last Visitation, before they had given in their Translations from Lucian,

Ordered that they prepare the same against the first Day after Michaelmas Vacation, translate the 6th Aeneid of Virgil—against the same Time; and, in Case of Failure, that they be presented to ye next Board of Governors for Degradation.

Remsen having left ye College, and gone into the Greswold Country, without Leave,

Ordered, for this Act of Contumaciousness, that they be confined within the Walls of ye College, one Fortnight after Vacation, and ye they do perform such Exercises as the President shall think proper to assign them, on pain of the above penalty.>

Rapalje, for stealing Moncrieff’s Stockings, ordered to be confined within the walls of ye College for one Month after next Vacation, subject to such daily Exercises as the President shall assign him; and in Case of Deficiency in the [p. 23] performance

1 George Rapalje, entered 1772.
of either Order, that he be recommended to ye next Board of
Governors for Expulsion, and that he also make a public Ac-
knowledgement, in the Hall, for his offence.

Agreed, That ye Committee of Visitation will present every
Student to ye Board for Degradation, who shall hereafter be in-
debted two Exercises at once;
and Ordered, That all those who are indebted at present, shall be
confined within the College Walls, from Morning till evening
Prayers, each Day, till their respective Tasks are properly com-
pleted.

<Davan, to be represented to ye Board, but first to ye Com-
mittee of Visitation, for breaking thro' his Confinement the very
next Morning, immediately after Prayers.>

Made Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Visitation,
Decr 23d 1774.

<Willet, for not performing his Exercise the last Vacation, as
ordered at ye preceding Visitation, to finish that, and also to
translate Half of the 8th Aeneid of Virgil into English, by ye
first Day of next Term.>

<McQueen> | for breaking thro' their Confinement, to
Moncrieffe> | make public Acknowledgements, in the
Chapel, and to translate Nos 255. 256. of the Spectator into
Latin, against the first Day of next Term; on pain of being pre-
sented to the next Board of Governors for Dismission or Degra-
dation.

Moncrieffe's given in doubled, ye 24th April, 1775.

<Amory> | for not getting their Visitation Lessons, to
Davan> | Translate No 45 of the Guardian into English,
against the first Day of next Term.>

_Defaulters

Defaulter in all Exercises to perform them before they leave ye Col-
lege, in Greek; and to translate, during the Vacation, No 264 of ye
Spectator, into Latin.

1 John McQueen, entered 1773.
All the firewood to be moved immediately out of y^e Rooms; and nothing but Coals to be used, on any pretence whatsoever.

Students going without their Caps and Gowns, to be presented to the next Board of Governors.

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Quarterly Visitation, April 11, 1775.

The Committee having agreed at their last Visitation but one, to presenting every Student to the Board, for Degradation, who should owe two Exercises at once; and finding that the following are indebted in the manner hereafter mentioned, viz.

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Do therefore recommend them to the Board accordingly: At the same Time, as this is the first Time of their executing what was formerly agreed to, They would advise the two first, viz. Livingston and Amory, who will be of Standing for A.B. the next Commencement, to translate daily into English, elegantly and correctly, one Chapter of Livy, beginning at C.39 of B.4. till the Second Tuesday in May (over and above all regular Duties) then to be given in to the Board, at their Annual Meeting, which being approv'd of, and the Exercises which they owe at present being paid, the Committee will recommend them to all reasonable Lenity [p. 27] Lenity: But Amory not to stir out of College, from Morning to Evening Prayers, each Day; on Account of his unprecedented neglect of Prayers and other Duties, till the Day aforesaid:

The others to be dealt with according to their former Resolution; i.e., recommended to the Board for Degradation, till they shall have completed Double of every Task they owe, and shall be deem'd worthy of Restoration.

Moncrieffe, tho' ordered by the Committee, to stay within the College-walls 'till he had performed his Exercises, having gone frequently and repeatedly out, to be recommended as above.

1 Daniel Moore, entered 1774; Ensign 16th New York Regiment 1778.
2 James Stiles, entered 1774, "left the College in 2^ year" [Matricula].
for going into the Country, for a week together, without Leave, to translate Nos. 69. & 70. of the Guardian into Latin: to be given in April 24.

For going out, when under Confinement, to translate No. 17. by the same Day.

For behaving irreverently at prayers and <Nicoll> 24, 3

For breaking Moncrieffe's Door, (which they are to mend) to translate Nos. 19. & 20. by the said Day, and Reid, for talking at Prayers, to translate No. 70. The

[p. 28] (The following, having absented themselves from Prayers, immediately after the Visitation, and before the foregoing Orders were read to them, are for this new Act of Delinquency; <are> to translate Half of No. 21. into Latin, by the 24th of this same Month, viz. <Bayard, Brookman, French, Johnson, Watkins, Lupton, Lowther, Stiles——<Colden, Davan, Devereux, French, Johnson, Rapalje, Attwood, Depyster, Lowther,> Stiles and those that mist both times, to translate ye whole.)

All that owe other Exercises, to perform Double, by the Day above-mentioned: And whoever hereafter shall be guilty of such neglect, or make a practice of absenting himself from any part of his Duty, or of going without his Academical Habit, by Day or by Night; in public or in private, or shall be found to have broken a Door, entered a Window, or done any Mischief to ye College or his fellow-students, shall be reported to the Board, without favour or affection; and the Board shall be requested, by this Committee, to give Him or Them so offending a speedy Dismission; so that peace and good order may be effectually preserved in this Society.

Bogart, having entirely quitted College, whilst under Suspension by the Committee, and whilst he owed more than twenty [p. 29] twenty Exercises, to be recommended to the Board, for a formal Expulsion; in

1 David Clarkson, entered 1774.
2 Joseph French, entered 1772, "left the College in his 4th year" [Matricula].
3 See note on page 4.
4 William Brookman, entered 1772.
5 Rev. Brandt Schuyler Lupton, entered 1774, B.A. 1788; Minister of Dutch Reformed Churches of Lansingburgh and Waterford, N. Y. 1788-1789.
6 Tristrim Lowther, entered 1774.
7 John Colden, entered 1772.
8 James Devereux, B.A. 1776.
9 Thomas Attwood, entered 1774.
10 James DePeyster, entered 1774; Lieutenant and Captain H.M. Army, died 1793.
order that others may not hope to escape due punishment, shou’d They act in the same disorderly and undutiful manner.

At a Visitation of the Committee

July 4, 1775.

<Reid & Johnson for entertaining Company, & making an unseasonable Noise, at unreasonable Hours, to be confined to College till next Sunday, & have such additional Exercises, as the President shall think proper; & in Case of their leaving College during that Time, or failure of performing those Exercises, to be presented to the next Board of Governors for Degradation or Expulsion.>

Agreed, that the Committee of Visitation will present every Student to the Board for Degradation, who shall hereafter absent Himself from two Recitations in Succession.

Mr. Johnston to be presented to the Board for going out of the Gate, contrary to the express Command of the Committee.>

[p. 30] At a Visitation, by adjournment,

April 25.

<Not having prepared their Exercises, as ordered at the last Visitation, to be represented to the Governors at ye next anniversary Meeting, the 2d Tuesday in May.>

At the annual Meeting of ye Governors, May 9th 1775. The President representing to the Board, that all the other Delinquents, but Moncrieffe and Stiles, had, tho’ not in proper Time, performed their respective Exercises; the Governors are pleased, for this once, with the Advice of the Committee of Visitation; to accept of ye Exercises of the others, and to order Moncrieffe and Stiles to be degraded, upon the following Condition, viz:

Moncrieffe for breaking frequently thro’ his Confinement
Stiles for not having done one Exercise, as ordered at the last Visitation — to be degraded till they have performed Double of all the Exercises they owe, this Day; and not to be restored, [p. 31] till such Time as

1 The rest of this page is in the handwriting of Benjamin Moore, B.A. 1768, M.A. 1771, D.D. 1789; President pro tem. 1775-1776, Professor of Rhetoric and Logic 1784-1787, President 1801-1811; P. E. Bishop of New York 1801-1816; died 1816.

2 Handwriting of Myles Cooper resumed.
their good Behavior shall appear to the President to deserve Restoration; which He shall have ye power of declaring to Them.¹

<Nicl 2ᵈ to translate 4ᵗʰ Section of the third Chapter of Puffendorf,² if he fails to be presented to the Governors. When desired to do it, He told the President to his Face He would not.>

At a Meeting of the Committee of Visitation August 4, 75
Ordered, that Bayard & Davan, for being deficient each in two Exercises, & also for frequently absenting themselves from Recitation, be confined within the College Walls from next Monday till the Friday following; & also besides their usual academical Exercises, translate No. 316 of the Spectator into Latin, & get by Heart 40 Lines from the Beginning of Book 1, Sat: 1 of Horace. In case of Failure or Neglect in any of these Particulars to be immediately presented to the Board of Governors for Degradation or Expulsion.

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Committee of visitation

Appointed 2ᵈ Tuesday, May 1771.

Df Auchmuty⁸
Mf Ritzema⁴
Df Ogilvie⁶
Mf Houseal⁸
Mf Inglis⁷
Mf Kempe⁸
Cap⁴ De Lancey⁹
Mf J. Livingston¹⁰

¹ End of handwriting of Myles Cooper; the rest of this page is written by Benjamin Moore.
² It is impossible to determine which of the works of Samuel, freiherr von Pufendorf (1632–1694), German writer on international and natural law, is meant here.
³ Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D. 1767 (1722–1777), Rector of Trinity Church, 1764–1777.
⁴ Rev. Johannes Ritzema (1710–1796), Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, 1744–1784.
⁶ Unidentified.
⁷ Rev. Charles Inglis, Hon. M.A. 1767 (c. 1733–1816), Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, 1764–1777, Rector, 1777–1783; Bishop of Nova Scotia, 1787–1816.
⁸ John Tabor Kempe, Attorney General of the Province, one of the original Governors of the College 1754 ff.
⁹ Oliver or James De Lancey, original Governors of the College 1754 ff.
¹⁰ John Livingston, one of the original Governors of the College 1754–c. 1780.
M' Duane¹
M' Verplanck²
M' W. Walton³
M' Jones⁴
M' Banyar⁵,
&
M' Mayor⁶ — or any Three of them.
Col⁰ Maunsell⁷

added, 1774

Dr. Middleton⁸

The above Committee was continued 2d Tuesday of May 1772⁹

¹ James Duane, LL.D. (1733–1797), Governor of the College 1762–1795; Member of the Continental Congress, 1774–1784; Mayor of New York City, 1784–1789; United States District Judge for New York, 1789–1794.
² Samuel Verplanck, B.A. 1758, M.A. 1763, Governor of the College 1770–c. 1780.
³ William Walton, Governor of the College, 1770–c. 1780.
⁴ Thomas Jones, the historian, Governor of the College 1764–c. 1780.
⁵ Goldsborough Banyar, Governor of the College 1770–c. 1780.
⁶ The Mayor of New York (ex officio).
⁷ John Maunsell, Governor of the College [1770]–c. 1780.
⁸ Peter Middleton, M.D. (St. Andrew’s); Hon. M.D. 1768; Professor of Physiology and Pathology, 1767–1776, Professor of Materia Medica, 1770–1776; died 1781.
⁹ This line in the handwriting of Robert Harpur, the rest by Myles Cooper.