

*The* BLACK BOOK  
*of* KING'S COLLEGE





Before the next Thursday<sup>15</sup>, to which Time the  
 Visitation adjourn, on pain of being recommen-  
 -ded to the next Board of Governors for expulsion  
 and that, in the mean Time, the Disputants be  
 confined...

At a Visitation, by Adjournment,  
 Thursday, Nov: 25. 1773.

Ogilvie, Seaman, Davan, Rapelle & Willt,  
 having neglected to give in their Exercises as com-  
 -mended at the preceding Visitation,  
 Ordered that

Ogilvie	{	be confined to his Chamber	{	32 4 2 2	Held.
Seaman					
Davan					
Rapelle & D.					
Willt					
Bryant					

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 re-  
 -sent him to the Board, for degradation or expulsion.

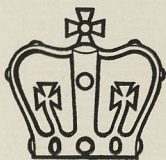
THE BLACK BOOK

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*or BOOK OF MIS-*  
*DEMEANORS in*  
KING'S COLLEGE,  
New-York, 1771-1775.

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*Now published for the first Time.*

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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.





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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] Jan. & Feb. 1771.

Shreeve <sup>1</sup> Abrahams <sup>2</sup> Bogert <sup>3</sup>	}	confined to College for taking Tea-cups out of another student's room, and denying that they knew anything of them.— <i>N.B.</i> Shreeve the <i>most</i> culpable.
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<restored.> liberated.

Skene<sup>4</sup> reprimanded publicly at a Visitation for having  
come thro' a Hole in the College-fence, at 12.  
o'Clock at Night.

Mar. 27. & 28.  
*Shreeve*

At a Visitation.  
suspended by y<sup>e</sup> Committee for wilfully absent-  
ing himself the second afternoon of examina-  
tion—suspended till the next general Meeting  
of Governors.

[p. 5] June 22<sup>d</sup> 1771.

Skene suspended by the President for coming over the College-  
fence at 1/2 past 11. o'Clock, last Night.

restored.

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Thomas Shreve, B.A. 1773, M.A. 1776, died 1816.

<sup>2</sup> Isaac Abrahams, B.A. 1774.

<sup>3</sup> Cornelius Bogert, B.A. 1773 (1754-1832), lawyer [*N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record*, XXVI, 123].

<sup>4</sup> 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].

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June 29. 1771. Robinson<sup>1</sup> 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.

Ogilvie<sup>2</sup> suspended by the President for the same Fault.

restored.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 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.

[p. 6] 1771 Sep<sup>r</sup>  
 Bogert } Degraded [degraded] by the Board of Governors  
 Shreeve } for different heinous offences, till by their dutiful  
 Ricketts<sup>3</sup> } Behaviour they shall merit Restoration.<sup>4</sup>

Nov<sup>r</sup> 22. A Complaint made by M<sup>rs</sup> Wrag against Dunscomb<sup>5</sup> for wounding her Son—

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

<sup>1</sup> Beverley Robinson, B.A. 1773, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Loyal American Guards 1777, died 1816 [*N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record*, XXVI, 124-125].

<sup>2</sup> 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].

<sup>3</sup> James Ricketts, entered 1770, "left Coll. in his 2<sup>d</sup> year, went into the Army" [*Matricula*].

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> 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 — publicly 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 publicly 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,<sup>2</sup> for Stealing 8 Sheets of Paper & a Pen-Knife,

<sup>1</sup> This was either Frederick or Nathaniel Philipse, cousins, who graduated in 1773.

<sup>2</sup> James Douglass, entered 1771.

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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,<sup>1</sup> for beating Nicholls 3,<sup>2</sup> the preceeding Week, & absenting himself from College under Pretence of Sick-ness, 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 3<sup>d</sup> Book of *Selectae e Profanis*<sup>3</sup> &c — besides his usual Collegiate Exercises each Day.

July 9, Van Beurin,<sup>4</sup> Douglas & Nicholls 3, 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 untill the next Saturday Evening — each of them was also directed to translate into Latin 4 Pages of D<sup>r</sup> Chandler's Charity Sermon<sup>5</sup> — besides attending the usual Collegiate Exercises—

<sup>1</sup> Jacob Remsen, B.A. 1775.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</sup> John Van Bueren, entered 1771.

<sup>5</sup> *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 Anniversary Meeting on October 2d, 1771, at Perth-Amboy*... By Thomas B[radbury] Chandler, D.D... Burlington, N. J. [1771].



[p. 9] 1772

July 16, Apthorp,<sup>1</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> for being concerned in the said Irregularities, be confined to College for one Month, & make the like Confession with the above Students

Aug <sup>t</sup> 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.
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1772.<sup>3</sup>

Dec<sup>r</sup> 24. Davan<sup>4</sup> suspended by the President for having made several attempts to go out of College, during the Time he was confined by M<sup>r</sup> Harpur, and denying, when taxed with it, that he had done so.  
Restored, January, 1773. [p. 10]

1773.

Feb. 13. <Thomas<sup>5</sup> ordered by the President to attend y<sup>e</sup> Board of Governors on Thursday next at Hull's, 6. P.M. for abusing, along with many others, M<sup>r</sup> Harpur, the Evening before.>

Remitted — it having appeared that Thomas was not y<sup>e</sup> Person.

<sup>1</sup> Charles Apthorp, entered 1771.

<sup>2</sup> No one of this name appears in the *Matricula*.

<sup>3</sup> Handwriting of Myles Cooper resumed.

<sup>4</sup> James Davan, entered 1772.

<sup>5</sup> Edward Thomas, entered 1772.



March— Nicoll <sup>1 mus1</sup> for ill-using Mr Harpur, by *calling*  
 Troup<sup>2</sup> *Names* in the Dark, chose to make a  
 Cock<sup>3</sup> public Acknowledgment of their  
 Greswold<sup>4</sup> offence, in the public Hall, and to  
 Lamson<sup>5</sup> ask pardon for their Conduct, in  
 Dibblee<sup>6</sup> respect both to Him, and the Gov-  
 Seaman<sup>7</sup> ernment of the College, which they  
 had affronted, — <rather> by which Means they were excused  
 from being Represented to the Governors. [p. 11]

[p. 11] June 30. 1773.

Visitation.

Seaman	}	for <repeatedly> playing at Cards in the Col-
Remsen		lege — represented to the Committee of Visita-
Kissam <sup>8</sup>		tion, July 12. — Ordered by the Committee that
Van Bueren		Van Bueren, and Reid, as not having trans-
Reid <sup>9</sup>		gress'd more than once, have exercises set them

adequate to their offence; and that Seaman, Remsen, & Kissam, being old offenders — be represented to y<sup>e</sup> Board of Governors at their next Meeting.

Ordered— That *Ogilvie*, *Jauncey*,<sup>10</sup> & *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 y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> inst. — and read in y<sup>e</sup> College hall — And that all *others* who are in *arrears* for Exercises, produce them also, and read them at y<sup>e</sup> same Time — on pain of being represented to y<sup>e</sup> next Board of Governors.

<sup>1</sup> See note on page 4.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> William Cock, B.A. 1775, M.A. 1790.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Griswold, B.A. 1775.

<sup>5</sup> William Lamson, entered 1771.

<sup>6</sup> Frederic Dibblee, entered 1772.

<sup>7</sup> Benjamin Seaman, B.A. 1774.

<sup>8</sup> Peter Rutgers Kissam, B.A. 1776, died 1799.

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Reid, entered 1772.

<sup>10</sup> John Jauncey, B.A. 1774.

Ordered, That y<sup>e</sup> Clerk of the Corporation do summon W<sup>m</sup> Lamson, who hath absented himself without [p. 12] without Leave ever since Easter Vacation — (having then left College against the President's express orders) to appear before y<sup>e</sup> Visitors in y<sup>e</sup> College hall, on Thursday the 22<sup>d</sup> inst.

July 20. Davan suspended by the President, till the Meeting of the Committee of Visitation, on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> — for being indebted *six Exercises* at once.

Visitation — continued, July 22<sup>d</sup>, 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 Presidt. the said Exercises, together with such additions as He shall prescribe.

Reid's Exercise rec<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>

*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 y<sup>e</sup> most insolent personal Treatment.

Sep<sup>r</sup> 2. Jauncey — by y<sup>e</sup> Board of Governors, Expelled. [p. 14]

At a Meeting of the Governors, the 15<sup>th</sup> [originally written 11<sup>th</sup>] Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773. The President produced to the Board a Pe-

tition 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 y<sup>e</sup> Committee of Visitation, the President & Professors, at the next Time of Visiting.

At a Visitation Nov<sup>r</sup> 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 y<sup>e</sup> next Board of Governors for Expulsion, and that, in the mean Time, the Delinquents be confined.

At a Visitation, by adjournment,  
Thursday, Nov<sup>r</sup> 25. 1773.

Ogilvie, Seaman, Davan, Rapalje 2<sup>dus</sup><sup>1</sup> & Willet,<sup>2</sup> having neglected to give in their Exercis, as commanded at y<sup>e</sup> preceeding Visitation,

Ordered that

Ogilvie	}	be confined to his Chamber	}	1.	} Weeks.
Seaman				3.	
Davan				4.	
Rapalje 2 <sup>dus</sup>				2.	
Willet				2.	
Bogert <sup>3</sup>				2.	

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.

<sup>1</sup> John Rapelje, B.A. 1774.

<sup>2</sup> Marinus Willett, B.A. 1776.

<sup>3</sup> Nicholas Bogart, entered 1773, "dismiss'd in his 2<sup>d</sup> year" [*Matricula*].

Thursday Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> at a Visitation

By Adjournment.

Dr Clossy<sup>1</sup> 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 y<sup>e</sup> President do assign each of the Delinquents, viz.

Seaman  
Livingston<sup>2</sup>  
Johnson<sup>3</sup>  
Bayard<sup>4</sup>  
Reid  
Rapalje 2<sup>d</sup>

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

Watkins <sup>5</sup>	} oweing	} 1. 3. 2. 1.	} Exercises	} be confined to their Chambers each one Week for every Exercise which is deficient.
Amory <sup>6</sup>				
Rapalje 2 <sup>d</sup>				
Bogert				

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Jan. 19, 1774

Rapalje 2<sup>d</sup> 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 Studets [sic] who are indebted *one* Exercise, shall be confined *two* Days: And, that all Absentees from Recitation, since the *Christmas Vacation*,

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Clossy, B.A., M.B., M.D. (Dublin), Hon. M.D. 1768, Tutor and Professor of Natural Philosophy 1765–1776, Professor of Anatomy 1767–1774, died 1776.

<sup>2</sup> John William Livingston, B.A. 1775; Lieutenant New York Independent Forces, 1776, died 1829.

<sup>3</sup> Jacob Johnson, entered 1772, “left the College in his 2d year” [Matricula].

<sup>4</sup> Samuel Bayard, B.A. 1776.

<sup>5</sup> John Watkin Watkins, entered 1772, Hon. M.A. 1788.

<sup>6</sup> William Amory, B.A. 1775.



shall have an adequate Exercise allotted by the President, and be confined till the said Exercises are *properly* finished, and delivered in to the President, or, according to *his* appointment.

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Feb. 24. At a Visitation

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> 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 y<sup>e</sup> last Christmas Vacation, and lay them before the Board of Governors, at their Meeting next Friday.

[p. 19]

June. 17. Davan to be represented to the Committee, y<sup>e</sup> next Visitation, 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 2<sup>dus</sup> (viz. John) to be represented for stealing a pair of Cotton Stockings belonging to Moncrieffe.<sup>1</sup>

June 21.	Van Bueren	}	to be represented to y <sup>e</sup> Com <sup>ee</sup> & Board of Governors for having stolen a very large Quantity of Wine out of the President's garret.
	Willett		
	Davan		
	Rapalje 2 <sup>d</sup>		

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July 12. 1774. At a quarterly Visitation.

Ordered, 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 confined within the College-Walls, 'till they have completed them.

<sup>1</sup> Edward Cornwallis Moncrieffe, entered 1774, "left College 2<sup>d</sup> year" [*Matricula*].



Ordered, That y<sup>e</sup> 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 y<sup>e</sup> College: own'd *afterwards* he was skulking *behind* the College. [p. 21]

July 13. Rapalje 1<sup>mus</sup><sup>1</sup>, Suspended by the President, till the next Meeting of the Governors, for using M<sup>r</sup> Harpur in the most scandalous Manner, and making use of y<sup>e</sup> most indecent Language.

July 21. The above George Rapalje — being fully convicted of the Charge before y<sup>e</sup> Board of Governors, — was sentenced to be Expelled.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 1. Bogart ordered to appear before y<sup>e</sup> next Meeting of Governors, for being indebted 15 Exercis — besides the Translations from y<sup>e</sup> Rom. Hist. [p. 22]

Sep<sup>r</sup> 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	}	having broke thro' the Confinement, which was ordered them, at the last Visitation, before they had given in their Translations from Lucian,
Bayard		
Davan		
Willet		

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

Remsen	}	having left y <sup>e</sup> College, and gone into the Country, without Leave,
Greswold		

Ordered, for this Act of Contumaciousness, that they be confined within the Walls of y<sup>e</sup> College, one Fortnight after Vacation, and y<sup>t</sup> 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 y<sup>e</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> George Rapalje, entered 1772.

of either Order, that he be recommended to y<sup>e</sup> next Board of Governors for Expulsion, and that he also make a public Acknowledgement, in the Hall, for his offence.

Agreed, That y<sup>e</sup> Committee of Visitation will present every Student to y<sup>e</sup> Board for Degradation, who shall hereafter be indebted *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 completed.

<Davan, to be represented to y<sup>e</sup> Board, but first to y<sup>e</sup> Committee of Visitation, for breaking thro' his Confinement the very next Morning, immediately after Prayers.>

Made Satisfaction.

[p. 24]

At a quarterly Visitation,

Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1774.

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

<McQueen<sup>1</sup> } for breaking thro' their Confinement, to  
Moncrieffe> } make public Acknowledgements, in the Chapel, and to translate N<sup>os</sup> 255. 256. of the Spectator into Latin, against the first Day of next Term; on pain of being presented to the next Board of Governors for Dismission or Degradation.

Moncrieffe's given in doubled, y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1775.

<Amory } for not getting their Visitation Lessons, to  
Davan } Translate N<sup>o</sup> 45 of the Guardian into English, against the first Day of next Term.>

Defaulters

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Defaulters in all Exercises to perform them before they leave y<sup>e</sup> College, in Greek; and to translate, during the Vacation, No 264 of y<sup>e</sup> Spectator, into Latin.

<sup>1</sup> John McQueen, entered 1773.

All the *firewood* to be moved immediately out of y<sup>e</sup> 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.

Livingston	2.	
<Amory	2.>	
<Davan	3.>	not done one Word.
<Johnson	2.>	discharged, as to this.
<Willett	2.>	
<Moore <sup>1</sup>	2.>	received.
Stiles <sup>2</sup>	2.	

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*.

<sup>1</sup> Daniel Moore, entered 1774; Ensign 16th New York Regiment 1778.

<sup>2</sup> James Stiles, entered 1774, "left the College in 2<sup>d</sup> year" [*Matricula*].



Livingston } for going into the Country, for a week together,  
 Stiles & } without Leave, to translate N<sup>os</sup> 69. & 70. of  
 Davan } the *Guardian* into Latin: to be given in April 24.

<Clarkson<sup>1</sup> & } For *going out*, when under Confinement, to  
 French<sup>2</sup>> } translate No. 17. by the *same Day*.

<Kissam,> for behaving *irreverently at prayers* and <Nicoll> <sup>2<sup>d</sup>, 3</sup>  
 <Bayard,> and <Brookman,<sup>4</sup>> for *breaking Moncrieffe's Door*, (which  
 they are to mend) to translate N<sup>os</sup> 19. & 20. by the said Day, and *Reid*,  
 for *talking at Prayers*, to translate N<sup>o</sup> 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 N<sup>o</sup> 21. into Latin, by the 24th of this same Month, viz. <Bayard, Brookman, French, Johnson, Watkins, Lupton,<sup>5</sup> Lowther,<sup>6</sup>> Stiles——<Colden,<sup>7</sup>> Davan, <Devereux,<sup>8</sup> French, Johnson, Rapalje, Attwood,<sup>9</sup> Depeyster,<sup>10</sup> Lowther,> Stiles and those that mist *both* times, to translate *y<sup>e</sup> 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 *y<sup>e</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> David Clarkson, entered 1774.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph French, entered 1772, "left the College in his 4th year" [*Matricula*].

<sup>3</sup> See note on page 4.

<sup>4</sup> William Brookman, entered 1772.

<sup>5</sup> Rev. Brandt Schuyler Lupton, entered 1774, B.A. 1788; Minister of Dutch Reformed Churches of Lansingburgh and Waterford, N. Y. 1788–1789.

<sup>6</sup> Tristram Lowther, entered 1774.

<sup>7</sup> John Colden, entered 1772.

<sup>8</sup> James Devereux, B.A. 1776.

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Attwood, entered 1774.

<sup>10</sup> 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<sup>1</sup>

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,<sup>2</sup>

April 25.

<Nicoll 1 <sup>mus</sup> Davan Willett Stiles>	}	<Not having prepared their Exercises, as ordered at y <sup>e</sup> last Visitation, to be represented to the Governors at y <sup>e</sup> next anniversary Meeting, the 2 <sup>d</sup> Tuesday in May.>
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At the annual Meeting of ye Governors, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Handwriting of Myles Cooper resumed.



their good Behavior shall appear to the President to *deserve* Restoration; which *He* shall have y<sup>e</sup> power of declaring to Them.<sup>1</sup>

< Nicoll 2<sup>d</sup> to translate 4<sup>th</sup> Section of the third Chapter of Puffendorf,<sup>2</sup> 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 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday, May 1771.

D<sup>r</sup> Auchmuty<sup>3</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Ritzema<sup>4</sup>

D<sup>r</sup> Ogilvie<sup>5</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Houseal<sup>6</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Inglis<sup>7</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Kempe<sup>8</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> De Lancey<sup>9</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> J. Livingston<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> End of handwriting of Myles Cooper; the rest of this page is written by Benjamin Moore.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D. 1767 (1722-1777), Rector of Trinity Church, 1764-1777.

<sup>4</sup> Rev. Johannes Ritzema (1710-1796), Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, 1744-1784.

<sup>5</sup> Rev. John Ogilvie, Hon. M.A. 1767, D.D. 1770 (1722-1774), Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, 1764-1774.

<sup>6</sup> Unidentified.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> John Tabor Kempe, Attorney General of the Province, one of the original Governors of the College 1754 ff.

<sup>9</sup> Oliver or James De Lancey, original Governors of the College 1754 ff.

<sup>10</sup> John Livingston, one of the original Governors of the College 1754-c. 1780.

M<sup>r</sup> Duane<sup>1</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Verplanck<sup>2</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> W. Walton<sup>3</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Jones<sup>4</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Banyar<sup>5</sup>,

&

M<sup>r</sup> Mayor<sup>6</sup> — or any Three of them.

Col<sup>o</sup> Maunsel<sup>7</sup>

added, 1774

D<sup>r</sup> Middleton<sup>8</sup>

The above Committee was continued 2d Tuesday of May 1772<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Samuel Verplanck, B.A. 1758, M.A. 1763, Governor of the College 1770-c. 1780.

<sup>3</sup> William Walton, Governor of the College, 1770-c. 1780.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Jones, the historian, Governor of the College 1764-c. 1780.

<sup>5</sup> Goldsborough Banyar, Governor of the College 1770-c. 1780.

<sup>6</sup> The Mayor of New York (*ex officio*).

<sup>7</sup> John Maunsel, Governor of the College [1770]-c. 1780.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> This line in the handwriting of Robert Harpur, the rest by Myles Cooper.











