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LAWS
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REGULATIONS
OF THE
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REGULATIONS

OF

THE SOCIETY.

1. No Student shall be admitted into any of the Scientific Courses under sixteen years of age, unless he is at the same time prosecuting his studies in the Department of Ancient or Modern Languages—or unless the abilities and acquirements of the applicant be such as to justify a departure from this rule.

2. Students from other Colleges may enter any of our Classes, but they cannot obtain a Degree without passing an examination upon all the studies required by Statute.

3. No Student who enters a Class, according to the Regulations of the College, shall quit the same without the consent of the Society.

4. 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.

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

6. Students are strictly forbidden to go either to York or Jamestown, without permission from the Society.

7. Students are required to be employed in study at least seven hours out of the twenty-four, exclusive of the time occupied in Lecture, and in case of the want of due preparation at any time, they shall be considered as offending against the Law for the good Government of the College, unless they shall prove that they have complied with this requisition.

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

9. 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.

10. In the Mathematical Course, Geometry and Algebra shall be included in all the Examinations, so that the Student may at any time be interrogated on those subjects.

11. All the Junior and Senior Students shall every year attend to Composition and Elocution, in such manner as the Belles Lettres Professor may direct.

12. Students may be punished by admonition, reproof, censure, suspension, dismissal or expulsion, according to the nature of the offence, and the previous deportment of the offender.

13. No Student shall leave the Lecture room, during Lecture, except by permission of the Professor.

14. The Grammar Scholars are forbidden to go up stairs in the College Building, except in the necessary discharge of their duties.

15. In coming to, or going from Lecture, Prayer and Examination, the Student shall avoid making any unnecessary noise, and shall not disturb these exercises by talking, whispering, moving to and fro in the apartment, or in any other manner.

16. No Student shall make, or be concerned in making any unnecessary noise, disturbance, or uproar in the street, in the College, or elsewhere.

17. No Student or Scholar shall engage in the usual sports in the public passages or apartments, between the two western wings, or in the front yard.

18. No Student shall play upon any instrument of music during the forenoon, nor at any other time, whilst any School is engaged. No music shall be permitted in College or on the premises on Sundays, nor shall playing on any instrument, singing, or any loud noises be allowed at any time, on the stairs, or in the passages, or in any part of the College, or its environs, where it may disturb or interrupt those who are orderly and studious.

19. Ringing the College Bell is strictly prohibited; and every one concerned in this offence, either directly or indirectly, will be punished at the discretion of the Society.

20. No Student shall in any way injure, deface or disfigure the building, or the Statue, 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.

21. If in case of disorder in town or College, by night, any Student when bidden by a Professor does not immediately retire to his own room, or if having so retired, he again leaves it before the next day, he shall be liable to such punishment as the Society may think proper to inflict.

22. The Bell shall be rung at 10 o'clock every night, and no Student shall be in any of the streets of Williamsburg after this hour, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Society.

23. The Students who do not room in College shall not be there after candle-light without permission from a Professor; and the weekly meetings of their Societies shall always take place in the day, and not continue after candle-light.

24. Students and Scholars are strictly forbidden to buy, or employ others to buy any wines, ale, porter, or spirituous liquors, and they are equally forbidden to drink them, even in moderation, except when visiting, or invited out by some inhabitant of the town.

Students, however, are allowed the use of beer and cider at dinner, at their respective boarding houses.

25. Except when invited by a private family, the Students and Scholars shall not be permitted, during the Session, to have, to give, or to be present at any suppers, any private or public eating or drinking parties, by day or by night, either at their rooms, boarding houses, or elsewhere, except on the 22nd February and 4th of July.

26. No Student, without the permission of the President or a Professor, shall go into a tavern, or any other place in town, or elsewhere, where he may purchase and drink any intoxicating liquor.

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

28. No Student or Scholar shall go into the garden against the consent of the President.

29. Students are strictly forbidden to keep, or to have about their person, any dirk, sword or pistol. Firing squibs or crackers in and about College or elsewhere is also strictly forbidden.

30. Students who have been suspended or dismissed will be held subject to all the Laws of the College during their stay in town—that Statute excepted which requires their attendance at Lecture. They shall leave town as soon as practicable; and every such Student as, without permission from the Faculty, shall remain in Williamsburg longer than a week after sentence pronounced, shall be liable to severe punishment.

31. Every two months the Faculty shall send to every parent or guardian, a report, stating how often, and the days of the month when, his son or ward was absent from Lecture; the reasons of his absence; the number of times he has been reported to the Society for not being prepared at Lecture—together with an account of every misdemeanor which he may have committed, as well as the penalty which it drew after it. Should the conduct of the Student require it, *monthly* or more frequent reports shall be sent home.

32. Morning prayers will take place in the Chapel every day, immediately before the first Lecture in the morning, in order that Professors, Scholars, and all who come to attend Lecture, may likewise have it in their power to attend Prayers.

33. One quarter of an hour before the Bell rings for the *first* Lecture in the morning, during the Collegiate Session, the Bell shall toll for three minutes, during which time all who wish to attend Prayers must assemble in the Chapel,—as the Religious exercises will commence so soon as the Bell shall cease to toll.

34. On the Sabbath day, all the Students and Scholars have it in their power to attend some place of public worship; and both at public worship and in the Chapel, every pupil is required to behave with all that decorum and solemnity which are due to the place and the occasion.