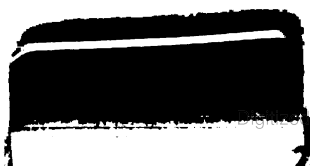




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## PREFACE

In this compilation are included the more important documents, known to be in existence, relating to the history of Yale University, of a date earlier than that of the present charter, of May, 1745.

The extant records of the Trustees for this period are given in full; but certain other more formal material is intentionally omitted; of this character are, for example, conveyances of property to and from the Collegiate School; and other legal papers; records of the admission of students, of the assignment of rooms in the College building, and of degrees conferred; lists of donations to the Library; accounts of the Treasurer; and Laws for the government of students.

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## I. PROPOSALS FOR A UNIVERSITY

[From the University Archives]

These (undated) proposals were sent from some friend or friends in Boston, before the movement for a College in Connecticut had reached any definiteness,—perhaps in the spring or early summer of 1701; and may thus be regarded as the earliest extant document in Yale history. It cannot be proved, however, that this paper had any influence in determining the course of events. Some slight resemblances, in the suggestions made, to the recommendations in the document next following, favor the theory of a kindred authorship.

A photographic copy of the first page of this manuscript is given in the *New England Magazine* for December, 1901 (vol. XXV, p. 430).

### Proposals for Erecting an UNIVERSITY

in the Renowned Colony of *Connecticut*:

Humbly Offered by an Hearty (tho' unknown)

Well-wisher to the Welfare of that

Religious Colony

I. Let there be called a SYNOD of all the *Consociated Churches* in this Colony.

The Synod, (or Council of Elders and Messengers from

the Churches,) may as yett be Called by the Civil Government, upon the Motion of some Eminent Pastors.

Or, if That way should fail, why may not as many of the *Pastors* as can come together, modestly write a *Circular Letter* unto the Churches, intimateing their desire, of their sending their Delegates unto a *Synod* (att a proper Time and Place agreed on,) upon this great Occasion of settling an VNIVERSITY, for the propagation of Literature and Religion among them.

II. The SYNOD being Assembled, Let the Work of that Venerable Assembly be, To resolve upon an VNIVERSITY, that shall be, *The School of the Churches*; and upon the LAWS, by which the said *University* shall be Governed.

Let these LAWS declare, What shall be the Qualifications of them that shall be admitted into the Society;

What shall be the Studies therein followed, & how managed;

What shall be the Manners of y<sup>e</sup> Students, and how Rewarded, or Censured.

And upon what Accomplishments the Persons there Educated, shall go forth, with Ample *Testimonials*, Recommending them to the acceptance of the World.

III. Wee cannot praesume to give *Degrees, Pro more Academicarum* in Angliâ,—nor are the Degrees of *Bachelour of Arts*, and *Master of Arts*, in the Terms they are now Ordinarily given, much more than *Empty Titles*.

A Diploma, or Testimonial, (Signed by the Præsident, & the Tutors of the University, and by Three of the Inspectors,) asserting the Qualifications of him that Recieves it, will be as Good as a *Degree*, in the Honourable Thoughts of Reasonable Men. And it is hoped, A Society of Such Persons, thus founded and formed, may without præsumption; give such a *Testimonial* unto those that shall under their Education deserve it.

If the Young Gentlemen, will not be satisfied without Titles æquivalent unto a *Baccalaureus*, and *Magister*, it will be easy to gratifye them.

He that goes forth Qualified w<sup>th</sup> a *Testimonial*, and intending the Service of the Churches, may be Stiled, *Instructus Ecclesiæ*.

He that goes forth intending to serve his Countrey, in any other Capacity, but that of a Divine, may be stiled, *Ornatus Patriæ*.

Let there be no such expensive *Commencements*, as those in other *Universities*.

But let the *Præsident*, and the *Tutors*, with the *Inspectors*, appoint still, what Time they please, in y<sup>e</sup> Year, for a Solemn, & Rigid *Examen*, of those that are the CANDIDATES OF APPROBATION.

Let it be cōsidered, Whether the Time for the Scholars going forth, *Instructi*, or, *Ornati*, should be limited unto the Term of their Continuance Four, or Five, or more Years, under their Education.

Would it not be better, for the Rules of Qualification to be sufficiently strict, and Fixed? And then a Scholar that shall come up to them, sooner, may go forth an *Instructus*, or an *Ornatus*, with an earlier Harvest of His Dilligence. And the Slothfull or Stupid may stay (as 'tis fitt they should) until their Merits may Challenge their *Testimonial*.

But then, the *Examen* must be Impartial.

IV. Lett the SYNOD Choose, at least, the *first Præsident*. Jf it seem too great a Trouble, for the *Churches* to come together, as often as a Successor may be to be chosen, *Quære*, Whether the *Inspectors* may not be trusted with the Choice?

Only then, Lett the *Jnspectors* write Letters to all the Consociated Churches, Reporting *whom* they have Elected; and *How*, and *Why*. And if one Third of the Churches do signify, by Letters, to the *Inspectors*, that they do not approve their Action, Let them then proceed unto *an-other Election*.

*Quære*, Whether the Præsident must alwayes be chosen for Life, (or at least, *Quamdiu se benè Gesserit*;) Or, Whether (at least upon the Difficulty of obtaining a more

continued supply,) an Eminent Pastor may not be borrowed for Four or Five Years, from his Church; and his Church be in the mean time supplied, w<sup>th</sup>. Candidates of the Ministry: The Præsident himself coming to them as often as He can to dispense all special *Ordinances*.

The Work of y<sup>e</sup> Præsident shall be, Ordinarily once a Day to Entertain the Scholars in a publick Hall, with Prayers, and such other Exercises, (Whether *Expositions* of the Scripture, or Lectures in Divinity, or Church-History, or somewhat Else,) as may be most serviceable.

And frequently to Examine the Conduct of the *Tutors*, and the progress of the *Scholars*.

And Execute the *Discipline* of the University, according to the *Laws* of it.

And Preach publicly in the *University-Town*, as often as He can.

To such Encombrances, and such Entertainments, will the Præsident be obliged, That He must have a considerable Salary. Untill those Methods be taken (which may soon be taken,) whereby such a *Salary* may be Raised, Why may not the Synod Resolve, That each of the *Consociated Churches* do its part: And, That it shall be treated as a *Censurable Scandal* for any particular Person, under the *Church-Watch*, to refuse His Duty, in the General Contribution? It will be so little, among so many Churches, and Persons, that it will be scarce Felt by any, but such as are of a very Quick sense in such Matters.

V. Lett the *Pastors* of such *Twelve Churches*, as the Synod shall pitch upon, be, for the Time being the Stated *INSPECTORS* of the *University*.

And any *Seven* of those *Twelve*, be a *Quorum*.

Only, let none be allowed for to Act as *Inspectors*, untill they Subscribe certain Articles, relating to the *Purity of Religion*, that shall be by the *Synod* agreed upon.

And Let none be allowed, as *Præsident*, or *Tutors*, without subscribing those *Articles*.

Lett the *Inspectors* Visit the *University* Twice at least in



a year, and assist the *Præsident* in Regulating all Things, not only then, but also as often as He shall send for them.

Let the *Præsident* with the *Jnspectors*, Choose the *Tutors*, and give *Directions* to them.

*Two Tutors* may be enough at first. But how shall they be maintained?

Some way must be Thought of, that the publick may pay for their *Board*. Some such way, as that which provides a *Salary* for the *Præsident*.

For their further subsistence, lett there be a convenient *Summ Sett* upon the *Heads* of all that are under their *Tuition*.

VI. There have been many Famous *Universities*, which have had no *Colledges*.

Yea, One of the most famous *Universities* now in *Europe*, hath Seven or Eight Hundred Students in it, and yet they have no *Collegiate Way* of Living, but Board here and there in the *Town*, where they can.

There needs but one Large Room for the stated meetings of all the *scholars*.

The *Synod* shall determine the *Town*, that shall be the Seat of the *University*. By all means, Lett it be a *Sea-port Town*.

The *Scholars* may board att Houses in the *Town*, where they may be Best provided for.

Only, Lett not the *Scholars* Board in any Families, but such as the *Pastor*, and other officers of the Church, may under their Hands allow, as fitt (in regard of their Exemplary Piety,) for that service of Boarding Young Men, that are to be the *Hope of the Flock*.

Lett the *Præsident & Jnspectors* of the *University*, Limitt and Retrench the price of Boarding, if any of the *Jnhabitants* begin to oppress the Students in this matter.

If these, or the Like *Proposals*, may be received, by a Colony famous for True Religion, and in which there are many Pious and Prudent Gentlemen, who can't but foresee the Vast Consequences of such an Undertaking, as is here

proposed; There yett remain many Considerable Things, to be Humbly Offered, relateing to the Laws of their *VNI-VERSITY*, when there shall be (which the Lord Grant) an happy Opportunity for it.

To the Reverend

Mr. Noyes, of Stonington,  
Mr. Buckingham, of Say-brook,  
Mr. Pierpont, of New-Haven.

## II. LETTER OF INCREASE MATHER

September 15, 1701

[From the University Archives]

The writer of this letter had been excluded, nine days previously, from the presidency of Harvard College, for declining to remove from Boston to Cambridge; and was in consequence the more disposed to favor the project of a new institution.

The superscription of the letter is wanting; it was probably addressed to the Rev. James Pierpont, of New Haven, while the reference in the opening sentence was perhaps to the Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Saybrook.

Boston, Sept. 15, 1701

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & dear S<sup>r</sup>.

Not long since a Minister in y<sup>r</sup>. Colony was pleased to desire my Advice concerning an Academical School designed to be erected in y<sup>r</sup>. Colony. I shall suggest a few particulars to you.

In y<sup>e</sup> Universities in Holland & other foreign Countries, they do not live a Collegiate life, but board in y<sup>e</sup> Town where y<sup>e</sup> Academy is; by taking y<sup>t</sup> Course you may save more y<sup>n</sup> a 1000<sup>lb</sup> in building an House—only tis necessary y<sup>r</sup>. sh<sup>d</sup>. be a Large room hired to attend Disputations, orations & other publick exercises.

A President & two or 3 Tutors may be sufficient for y<sup>e</sup>

ordinary good govern<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> School for Academical Learning. If for y<sup>e</sup> making of Laws, Election of officers &c. y<sup>r</sup> shall be 7 Inspectors appointed it may do well, esp<sup>ly</sup> if these be y<sup>e</sup> Pastors of y<sup>e</sup> next neighboring churches.

Publick Commencements in o<sup>r</sup> Colledge have of late years proved very expensive & are occasion of much sin. That may be done privately as well as publickly, As many Times in y<sup>e</sup> universities in England they have no publick Acts but give degrees privately & silently.

The Presidents & Professors in y<sup>e</sup> Protestant Universities in France were maintained by y<sup>e</sup> Churches; And y<sup>e</sup> several Churches were directed by y<sup>e</sup> Synods w<sup>t</sup> they should contribute in order y<sup>r</sup>unto.

If y<sup>e</sup> Civil Government, before y<sup>r</sup> Charter is taken from y<sup>m</sup>, shall settle a revenue for y<sup>e</sup> maintenance of such a school, tis probable y<sup>t</sup> property will not be taken from you tho Government should.

These things are w<sup>t</sup> at present occur to my Thoughts, w<sup>ch</sup> (as also w<sup>t</sup> I have written to M<sup>r</sup>. Buckingham of Seabrook) take in good part.

I commend you & y<sup>r</sup> undertaking (in w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> yelfare of yo<sup>r</sup>. Colony & Posterity is greatly concerned) to y<sup>e</sup> grace of Christ, & remayn, S<sup>r</sup>,

Yo<sup>rs</sup>. to my power

I MATHER

### III. LETTER OF SAMUEL SEWALL

September 17, 1701

[From the University Archives]

Chief Justice Sewall was graduated at Harvard in 1671, and was thus a classmate of Samuel Mather, one of the original Trustees of the College. He had also been for one year a fellow-undergraduate of Abraham Pierson (Harvard 1668), another Trustee.

Boston; Sept<sup>r</sup>. 17, 1701.

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Sir,

The Letter subscrib'd by Mr. Chauncy, Buckingham, Pier-son, Pierpont & Saltonstall, bearing date Aug<sup>t</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>. came to hand Aug<sup>t</sup>. 26. And your own dated Aug<sup>t</sup>. 26, I rec'd 7<sup>r</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>. at my return from Bristow. I gave the inclosed to Mr. Sec-etary,<sup>1</sup> and we conferd notes. But it has been a very hurrying time with us by reason of the Governour's power being devolved on the Council,<sup>2</sup> and the sitting of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court the beginning of this Moneth.

I have been thinking, that considering the present distress,<sup>3</sup> it may be best to doe as little by the Governm<sup>t</sup>. as is possible with attaining the End. And therefore should not be eagre in building a College or settling Revenues by a Law. But let the Scholars board in the Town, as it is in Holland: and only build a Hall w<sup>th</sup>. Chamber over it for a Library. Unless you can hire a large House that may accomodat the President, and those Ends also. And so let the Act only contain Authority for such a Person, by himself & Tutors under him to Instruct Youth in Academical Learning, and give them De-grees, as the late Reverend & Godly Learned Mr. Charles Chauncey was wont to doe at Cambridge, and as was accus-tomed to be done under his Presidentship. And all persons admitted to any Degrees shall have the same Honor & Respect shown them that Students have or ought to have had who rec<sup>d</sup>. Degrees at Harvard College from the s<sup>d</sup>. Charles Chauncey, or from any other President before or after him in Harvard College at Cambridge abovesaid. And let the Act oblige the President to pray and expound the Scriptures in the Hall Morning and Evening *de die in diem*, and ground the Students in the Principles of Religion by reading to them or making y<sup>m</sup>. Recite the Assemblys Confession of Faith w<sup>ch</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Isaac Addington.

<sup>2</sup> Lieutenant Governor Stoughton, who had been Acting Governor of Massa-chusetts (in succession to Sir William Phips, who died in 1695), had died in July, 1701.

<sup>3</sup> A bill had been brought before Parliament in the preceding April, to annul the charters of the New-England Colonies, and serious consequences were feared.

is turned into good Latine, as also the Catechises; and Dr. Ames's Medulla. And the Students shall obey the President and Tutors, and conform themselves to such wholsom Orders as shall be appointed subscribing them at their Entrance. And Let the entire Course of Academical Exercises be maintained and the performance of them exacted with all imaginable Strictness & Severity, without dispensation to any.

Mr. Secretary presents his Service to you & the Gentlemen you joind with in your abovementioned Letter. We account our selves honoured in that you have imparted to us a matter of so great Concernment, and hope within these few days to send to you somthing more mature & in form either by the Post or some other good hand. . . . .

My humble Service to you & y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen concernd with you, & to Mrs. Pierpont from Sir,

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

SAM. SEWALL.

I mention the Confession of the Assembly of Divines; bec. Arminianisme is crept even into the Dissenters Annotations, as may be seen upon Hebr. 2, 9, s<sup>d</sup>. to be done by Mr. Obadiah Hughes.

For the Rever<sup>d</sup>. Mr. James Pierpont  
at New-Haven

#### IV. LETTER OF GERSHOM BULKLEY

September 27, 1701

[From the University Archives]

The author was a graduate of Harvard in 1655, who had been settled in the ministry in New London and in Wethersfield, but now devoted himself to the practice of medicine, and to law and politics.

His eminent ability was generally conceded; and it is probable that his advice in the present case was desired,

as being likely to give in their strongest form the objections which could be alleged against the proposition.

His wife was a sister of Israel Chauncy, one of the Trustees.

To y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Elders deliberating of a Colledge, &c.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>rs</sup>,

Yo<sup>r</sup>. designe is so good y<sup>t</sup> if I might & could, yet I would not wittingly deceive you; & g<sup>o</sup> you must give me leave to tell you y<sup>t</sup> I have made as much search in y<sup>e</sup> statutes & elsewhere, as my present incapacity will allow me, but cannot find y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> satisfys me, or (I thinke) will satisfy you, in answer to yo<sup>r</sup>. Queries.

The best encoragment & direction y<sup>t</sup>. I can find, is in 39 Eliz. 5, compared w<sup>th</sup>. 13 Eliz. 17, (for y<sup>e</sup> founding & incorporating of Hospitalls &c) & w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Lord Cookes exposition of s<sup>d</sup>. 39 Eliz. 5. (w<sup>ch</sup>. is in his 2<sup>d</sup>. Instit. p. 120, &c.) & upon 21 Jac. cap. 1. (Ibid. p. 726,) whereby y<sup>e</sup> 39 Eliz. 5, is made perpetuall, & some addition made to it: & upon 43 Eliz. 4, (Ibid. p. 707,) whereby provision is made for y<sup>e</sup> due improvem<sup>t</sup>. of donations made for such pious & charitable uses, & wherein schooles of learning are expressly mentioned. All which notwithstanding, other statutes do disable dissenters or Non-conformists from y<sup>e</sup> teaching of youth; against w<sup>ch</sup>. yet me thinkes y<sup>e</sup> Act of Indulgence passed An. 1. of y<sup>e</sup> King yt. now is, should afford some Remedy.

Now my opinion in every thing is so liable to objections, y<sup>t</sup> it behoves me to be slow in shewing it: yet I am so willing to promote so good a worke, y<sup>t</sup> I shall adventure to say thus much: Viz. That I do not thinke y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Court will be forward to act in it at present; & I doubt it would but issue in a disapoint to you at last if y<sup>r</sup>. should, & possibly in an Accusation against themselves at this time. We all know y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> King & Parl<sup>t</sup>. are above us, & g<sup>o</sup> I should thinke y<sup>t</sup>. it will be much better to petition his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. to grant a Liberty, ratified by Act of Parl<sup>t</sup>, for y<sup>e</sup> founding of a Colledge &c according to y<sup>e</sup> Tenor of y<sup>e</sup> statutes aboves<sup>d</sup>, & under y<sup>e</sup> favor of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Act

of Indulgence. Tis an old saying, New Lords, new Lawes, & all y<sup>e</sup> world is mutable; but I thinke this is y<sup>e</sup> most likely way to prevent a future defeate, if it can be obtained: if not, we are but where we were before, & possibly a little time may enable us better to see what is next best. I wish you would peruse y<sup>e</sup> statutes afores<sup>d</sup>. w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Lord Cokes exposition afores<sup>d</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup>. you may do in a little time, & so far to yo<sup>r</sup>. satisfaction, or direction at least, y<sup>t</sup>. I hope you will not repent it, or thinke yo<sup>r</sup>. time lost. So commending you & this affaire to y<sup>e</sup> conduct & blessing of God, I am

Rev<sup>d</sup>. s<sup>rs</sup>. Yo<sup>rs</sup>. to my poore power

G. BULKLEY.

Wethersf<sup>d</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup>. 27, 1701.

#### V. LETTER OF ELEAZAR KIMBERLY

October 1, 1701

[From the University Archives]

The author was a native of New Haven, and had been for most of his life a schoolmaster. From 1696 to his death in 1709 he was Secretary of the Colony of Connecticut.

Newhaven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>: 1701:

Rever<sup>d</sup>. Sr.:

According to my Promise to you I did Procure for M<sup>r</sup>. Bulkley the Statutes at Large, and he hath Considered of the Questions propounded to him, and the Result of his thoughts concerning them is herein Inclosed. I have not Time to Peruse his Papers, but I doe apprehend that all his discourse is grounded upon the Statutes of the Realme of England. I doe apprehend the Questions propounded by the Reverend<sup>d</sup>. Elders are very weighty and farre too high for me to Resolve, Yet I doe not apprehend that the Resolution of them is to be grounded upon the Statute Lawes of England, for I am fully

of the opinion of a person Learned in the Lawe who not Long Since declared in the Court of Assistants that the Statutes of England and acts of Parliament are not in force in the forreign Plantations, Excepting only such Statutes &c wherein the Plantations were named. And I doubt not but Lands may be given for the promoting of Good Literature in this Land without any offence to the Statutes of Mortmain, which were ordained onely to prevent Extravagance & Excesse &c; and I doubt not but the Kings of England will always be ready to Promote Good Learning in all their dominions, and to continue any Estates that are given for that use without any alteration as I observe his present Majestie hath done in the Charter of the Massachusetts Province. Sr. by Reason of my Illnesse and other Emergencies I have had no time to consider of any of the Questions propounded by the Reverend Elders, and if I had had more time, my opinion concerning them would have been of Little worth unless I had the advantage of learned authors for my direction, which I have not, but Sr. I suppose that worthy Mr. Bulkly hath given such Light in these affairs, that there is no need for me to say any thing. Sr. in Great hast with my hearty desire that so good a work as is now under the Consideration of the Reverend Elders may prosper and succeed I take Leave, and shall ever Remain,

Rever<sup>d</sup>. Sir,

Your most humble Servant

ELEAZER KIMBERLY.

for the Reverend Mr. Pierson.

## VI. LETTER OF JOHN ELIOT

[From the University Archives]

The writer was a grandson of the Apostle Eliot, who after graduating at Harvard in 1685, had entered on the ministry; but after removal to the house of his uncle, the minister of Guilford, Connecticut, he had taken up



the legal profession, and had become active in political life.

In 1701 he was a leading member of the General Assembly. As a resident of Windsor, he was a parishioner of the Rev. Samuel Mather, who was one of the original Trustees of the College, though inactive on account of broken health.

This letter was doubtless written in the early part of October, 1701.

Reverend Sr.

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sep<sup>br</sup>. I received. I thank you for communicating to me that great design. Were there no nearer reasons the weight of the matter the shortness of the time you allow me and the want of the thoughts of others to correct and improve mine disable me offering any that are worthy your desire. You first enquire whether our Government can erect a Collegiate Scool which by Law can't be overset. Sr. I think such a Scool may be erected which cannot be overthrown by Law *Regularly Executed*. (In some measure to maintain which under a future Government a wise and resolute assembly may be a good means.) My reasons are these. To erect such a Scool is neither Repugnant to the Laws of England nor an entrenchment on the Kings Prerogative. No act or Law (according to my sence of the matter) in any of the Plantations is deemed to be Repugnant to the Laws of England unless it be contrary to an act of the Parliament of England wherein such Plantation is expressed or evidently Intended. And I know no act of Parliament sais such a Scool may not be erected in the Plantations. Neither do I think It is deemed at home an intrenchment on the Prerogative of the King tho many here are suspicious it is. For manifest occasion has been given to declare it and such like things so if it were so, not only from the former erecting and incorporating the Colledge at Cambridge about which there has been so many Transactions at the Council Board, But also from the Erecting Societies by Law both in Boston and New York in their several Towns, priviledging and enabling them to dis-

pose of Land, to sue and be sued and in many other things to act as incorporated companies. So that unless Prerogative greatens more than of late it has done, or unless hereafter, which is a hazard very necessary to be provided against, our assemblys are so modelled as to repeal their own act (if they prove so good as to make one) It is hopefull such a scool may stand. Here I'le offer one thought whether one privilege to be granted to the Governours of s<sup>d</sup> Scool should not be to send two to represent the s<sup>d</sup> Scool in the General Assembly as the Universities in England have, by which they and so we may have great advantages. Your second Question is concerning securing and manageing Donations. S<sup>r</sup>. The best way I can at present think on Is to have them given to a third person or persons in trust to the use of s<sup>d</sup> Scool to be managed and disposed by the major part of s<sup>d</sup> 8 Elders and s<sup>d</sup> Master for the time being. But because every one that may give will not have skill to do it well, It will be very convenient to insert certain Provisoes in the act too Large here to set down. As to the Title of the Master of the s<sup>d</sup> Scool, It seems to me to be of no greater consequence than this, That which shows Least of Grandeur will be Least obnoxious. As to your Fourth Quere I am much at a loss in my own thoughts, Yet I'le offer That not standing on a Royall foundation we cannot give authentick or Legal Degrees. Something instead of them of good use and encouragement amongst ourselves we may. But without a great deal of prudence in that matter, Our enemies will take advantage to injure us. To your fift, The placing goverment in those 9 has a prospect of very happy Consequences. To limit to an age may prevent the inconvenience of of their being all superannuated which when numerous may easily and perhaps almost always hapen. To your Last S<sup>r</sup>. I think Private Benefactors may so direct the use of their Donations to particular persons officiating in such a Scool or business and to the particular services therof at the discretion of such persons as shall ever be known by some distinguishing carecter, as to be of very good effect, but not equall to an Establishment by Law, for defect of power of goverment and

such priviledges not in the power of benefactors to give. To improve y<sup>e</sup> advantages of both ways will not be too much. Nothing in our compass is to be omitted to prevent future hazard and to fix a thing of such Consequence upon sure and lasting foundations.

You see Sr.

I am your obedient serv<sup>t</sup>.

J E.

To the R<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Abram Peirson  
at Bramford

in his absence to Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russel  
of Bramford.

#### VII. LETTER OF SAMUEL SEWALL AND ISAAC ADDINGTON

October 6, 1701

enclosing a draft of a Charter

[From the University Archives]

These documents, sent in pursuance of the promise made in Judge Sewall's letter of September 17, are in Addington's hand, while the Rev. James Pierpont has contributed some additions and emendations to the text of the enclosure, which are here indicated in footnotes.

Boston, Octobr 6<sup>th</sup> 1701.

Gent<sup>a</sup>

We crave your pardon, That we have made you wait long for so little. We might frame an Excuse from the present circumstances of Affairs, and say, Multa nos impediunt: But there is another cause that made us slow and feeble in our progress, not knowing what to doe for fear of over-doing. And that is the reason there is no mention made of any Visitation, which is exceedingly proper and beneficial: All humane Societies standing in need of a check upon them: But we knew

not how to call or qualify it, but that in a little time it might probably prove subversive of your Designe. We on purpose gave your Accademie as low a name as we could that it might the better stand in wind and weather, not daring to Incorporate it, least it should be liable to be served with a Writ of Quo Warranto.

We pray you to accept of the few inclosed minutes for an Act, and should have travelled further in it, if your Instructions or our own invention had dictated to us, not knowing well what Scheme to project, because we could not tell how far your Government will encourage the designe.

We should be very glad to hear of flourishing Schools and a Colledge at Connecticut, and it would be some releife to us against the sorrow we have conceived for the decay of them in this Province. And as the end of all Learning is to fit men to search the Scriptures that thereby they may come to the saving knowledge of God in Christ: We make no doubt but you will oblige the Rector to expound the Scriptures diligently morning and evening.

Praying God to direct and bless you, beyond what yourselves do understand or hope for

We take leave and remain

Srs.

Your affectionate humble Servants

SAM SEWALL

Is<sup>a</sup>. ADDINGTON

To Mr. Thomas Buckingham  
Minister of the Gospel  
at Seybrooke.

Connecticut in  
New England.

An Act for Founding of a Collegiate School.

Whereas several well disposed and publick spirited Persons, of their sincere regard to, and zeal for the upholding

and propagating of the Christian protestant Religion by a succession of Learned and Orthodox men, have expressed<sup>1</sup> their Earnest desires That a Collegiate School be founded and sutablely Endowed<sup>2</sup> within this his Majesties Colony of Connecticut,<sup>3</sup> For the Educating and Instructing of Youth in good Literature, Arts and Sciences; That so by the blessing of Almighty God they may be the better fitted for publick Im-  
ployment both in the Church and in the Civil State.

And have<sup>4</sup> manifested their willingness to contribute towards the charge<sup>5</sup> of such School.

To the Intent therefore That all due Encouragement be given to such pious Resolutions, And that so necessary and religious an Undertaking may be set forward and supported.

Be<sup>6</sup> it Enacted by the Governour and Company of the said Colony of Connecticut in General Court assembled, And it is Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the same, That there be a Collegiate School forthwith founded and set up in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ within this Colony, And that A. B. and C. Masters of Art and Ministers of the Gospel, and E. F. Gent<sup>l</sup> being all Inhabitants within the said Colony, be and hereby are nominated and appointed Trustees for the said School; with full power to contract agree for, erect and

<sup>1</sup> Add "by petition."

<sup>2</sup> For "a Collegiate School be founded and sutablely Endowed," read: "full Liberty & priviledge be granted for the founding and sutablely Endowing a collegiate School."

<sup>3</sup> Add "unto certain undertakers."

<sup>4</sup> For "have," read: "sundry having."

<sup>5</sup> For "charge," read: "encouragement."

<sup>6</sup> For this entire paragraph read: "Be it Enacted by the Governour and Company of the said Colony of Connecticut in General Court now assembled And it is Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the same; That there be full liberty, priviledge & right granted unto A. B. and C. Ministers of the Gospel, being all Inhabitants within the said Colony, & now proposed to us as Partners in s<sup>d</sup> undertaking for the said School, to erect, sett up, form, direct, order, improve, establish, & att all times for y<sup>e</sup> future in all suitable ways to encourage the same, in such convenient place or places, & in such form, manner & Rules as to them shall seem meet & most conducive to the aforesaid end thereof, and to Imploy the money which shall be granted by this Court, or otherwise contributed to that use accordingly from time to time & att all times henceforward."

set up such house and houseing in aforesaid as shall be necessary and convenient for the holding and keeping of such School, and to furnish the same for that end, and to Employ the money which shall be granted by this Court, or otherwise contributed to that use accordingly.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the beforenamed Trustees<sup>1</sup> together with such others as they shall associate to themselves, so as not to exceed the number of <sup>2</sup> in the whole, and their successors, to be from time to time nominated by themselves as any one or more of those first named or associated shall happen to dye, Be and hereby are further Impowered and Authorized from time to time and at all times for ever, to have the oversight, direction, rule, Order and Government of the said School; And to provide, place and settle a Rector with Tutors and other Officers proper and necessary for the teaching, Instructing, ruling and governing of the Schollars that from time to time shall be sent thither for Education, And to make and constitute such Rules, Orders and Laws for that end, as are usual and customary in such Societies; so as such Rules, Orders and Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of the Government; As also to confer degrees upon such Schollars educated there, who by their good manners and proficiency in Learning shall be judged worthy of the same, as is usual and accustomed at Harvard Colledge in Cambridge within the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

And whereas the principles of the Christian protestant Religion are excellently comprised in the Confession of Faith composed by the Reverend Assembly of Divines sitting at Westminster, And by the Learned and Iudicious Dr. Ames in his *Medulla Theologiae*, The Rector of the said School is to give in charge, and take special care that the said Booke be diligently read in the Latin Tongue, and well studied by all Schollars educated in the said School.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid

<sup>1</sup> For Trustees read: "Partners & undertakers."

<sup>2</sup> Insert "eleven."

That the said ~~Trustees~~ and their Successors be and hereby are further Impoured to have accept take acquire & purchase any Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments to the use of the said School, not exceeding the value of five hundred pounds p<sup>r</sup> annum, and any Goods, Chattels sum or sums of money whatsoever, as from time to time shall be freely given bequeathed devised or setted by any person or persons whatsoever upon, and to and for the use of the said School, towards the founding Erecting or Endowing of the same, And to Sue for recover and receive all such gifts, Legacies, bequests, annuities, Rents issues and Profits arising therefrom and to imploy the same accordingly. And out of the Estate Revenues, Rents, profits and incomes accruing and belonging to the said School, to support and pay the Rector, Tutors and other Officers their respective annual salaries or allowances.

#### VIII. OFFER OF JAMES FITCH

October 16, 1701

to give land and materials to provide for the erection of  
a College building

[From the University Archives]

Major Fitch, of Plainfield, Connecticut, was at this date, and for many years, one of the Governor's Assistants, or Upper House of the General Assembly; and his offer appears to have been designed to facilitate the passage of the Charter. He was a son of the first minister of Norwich, Connecticut, and one of the largest landed proprietors in the Colony.

Subsequently, the land now offered was the subject of a prolonged legal controversy; but it has not seemed necessary to print these details.

In that it hath pleased y<sup>e</sup> Lord our God as a token for Good to us & children after us To put it into the hearts of his faithful ministers to take soe great paines, and be at soe con-

~~siderable charge~~ for setting up of a Coledgiat School amongst us & now for farther promoating, of this God pleasing worke, I humbly freely & heartily offer, on demand to provid glass for a house, and if people doe not come up to offer what is reasonable & needfull, that I will then provid nails of all sorts to be used in building a house & hall. 2ly I give a farme, 637 Acres of land & when I come home I will send y<sup>e</sup> draft and laying out to M<sup>r</sup>. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Taylor that he may make such a Deed proper in such a case; the farme I value at 150<sup>£</sup>. I will allsoe take some paines to put it in a way of yearely profit. 30<sup>£</sup> charge I hope will bring 20<sup>£</sup> per yeare in a little time.

JAMES FITCH.

Newhaven

Octob<sup>r</sup>. 16 1701

## IX. THE CHARTER OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

October, 1701

[From the official copy in the University Archives]

The General Court of the Colony of Connecticut began its autumn session on Thursday, the ninth day of October, and all the Acts of the session bear that date. The day on which the Charter was passed is not certainly known, but was probably the sixteenth.

By the Gov<sup>r</sup><sup>n</sup>, in Council & Representatives of his  
Maj<sup>ties</sup> Colony of Connecticut in Gen<sup>l</sup> Court  
Assembled, New-Haven, Oct<sup>r</sup> 9: 1701:

AN ACT FOR LIBERTY TO ERECT A COLLEGIATE SCHOOL:

WHEREAS several well disposed, and Publick spirited Persons of their sincere Regard to & Zeal for upholding & Propagating of the Christian Protestant Religion by a succession of Learned & Orthodox men have expressed by Petition their earnest desires that full Liberty and Priviledge be



granted unto Certain Undertakers for the founding, suitably endowing & ordering a Collegiate School within his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Colony of Connecticut wherein Youth may be instructed in the Arts & Sciences who thorough the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for Publick employment both in Church & Civil State.

To the intent therefore that all due encouragement be Given to such Pious Resolutions and that so necessary & Religious an undertaking may be sett forward supported & well managed.

BE IT ENACTED by the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Company of the s<sup>d</sup> Colony of Connecticut, in General Court now Assembled, And it is enacted & ordained by the Authority of the same that there be & hereby is full Liberty Right and Priveledge Granted unto the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes of Stonnington, M<sup>r</sup> Israel Chauncey of Stratford, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Buckingham of Saybrook M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Pierson of Kennelworth M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Mather of Windsor M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew of Millford M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge of Hartford M<sup>r</sup> James Pierpont of New Haven M<sup>r</sup> Noadiah Russel of Middletown M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Webb of Fairfield being Rev<sup>rd</sup> Ministers of the Gospel & inhabitants within y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Colony Proposed to stand as Trustees Partners or Undertakers for the s<sup>d</sup> School to them and their successors, To ERECT form direct, order establish improve and att all times in all suitable wayes for the future to Encourage the s<sup>d</sup> School in such convenient place or Places, & in such form & mann<sup>r</sup> & und<sup>r</sup> such order & Rules as to them shall seem meet & most conducive to the afores<sup>d</sup> end thereof so as such Rules or Orders be not Repugnant to the Laws of the Civil Governm<sup>t</sup> as also to imploy the moneys or any other estate which shall be Granted by this Court or otherwise Contributed to that use according to their discretion for the benefit of the s<sup>d</sup> Collegiate School from time to time & att all times henceforward.

And be it further ENACTED by the Authority afores<sup>d</sup> that the before named Trustees Partners or undertakers together with such others as they shall associate to themselves (not exceeding the number of Eleven, or att any time being less than

Seven; Provided also that Persons nominated or associated from time to time to fill up s<sup>d</sup> number be minist<sup>rs</sup> of the gospel inhabiting within this Colony & above the Age of forty years) or the major Part of them the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes, Israel Chauncey, Thomas Buckingham, Abraham Pierson, Samuel Mather, Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge, James Pierpont Noadiah Russel, & Joseph Webb undertakers & of such Persons so chosen & associated as aboves<sup>d</sup> att any time hereafter, HAVE and Shall have henceforward the oversight full & compleat Right Liberty power & Priveledge to furnish direct manage order improve & encourage from time to time & in all times hereaft<sup>r</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Collegiate School so Erected & formed by them in such ways orders & mann<sup>r</sup> & by such Persons Rector or Master and officers appointed by them as shall according to their best discretion be most conducible to attaine the afores<sup>d</sup> mentioned end thereof.

And Moreover it is ENACTED & ordered by the Govern<sup>r</sup> Council & Representatives of y<sup>e</sup> Colony afores<sup>d</sup> met in General Assembly That the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes, Israel Chauncey, Thomas Buckingham, Abraham Pierson, Samuel Mather, Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge, James Pierpont, Noadiah Russel & Joseph Webb, Undertakers Trustees or Partners & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Persons taken from time to time into Partnership, or associated as afores<sup>d</sup> with themselves, Shall HAVE & receive & it is hereby GIVEN & GRANTED unto them, the full & just sum of one hundred & twenty pounds in Country Pay to be paid Annually & att all times hereafter until this Court order otherwise To them & to such Person or Persons only as they shall appoint & impower to Receiv the same to be faithfully disposed of by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Trustees Partners or Und<sup>r</sup>takers for the end afores<sup>d</sup> according to their discretion which s<sup>d</sup> sum shall be raised & Paid in such ways & mann<sup>rs</sup> & att such a value as y<sup>e</sup> Country Rates of s<sup>d</sup> Colony are & have been usually raised & Paid:

It is also further Enacted by the Authority afores<sup>d</sup> that the s<sup>d</sup> undertakers & Partners & their success<sup>rs</sup> be & hereby are further impowered to have accept acquire purchase or other-

wise lawfully enter upon Any Lands Tenements & Hereditam<sup>ts</sup> to the use of the s<sup>d</sup> School not exceeding the value of five hundred Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Ann, & any Goods Chattels sum or sums of money whatsoever as have heretofore already been Granted bestowed bequeathed or Given or as from time to time shall be freely Given bequeathed devised or settled by any Person or Persons whatsoever upon & to & for the use of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> School towards the founding erecting or endowing the same & to sue for Recover & receiv all such Gifts Legacies bequests annuities Rents issues & profits arising therefrom & to employ the same accordingly & out of y<sup>e</sup> estate Revenues Rents profits incoms accruing & belonging to s<sup>d</sup> School to support & pay as the s<sup>d</sup> Undertakers shall agree & see cause the s<sup>d</sup> Rector or Master Tutors Ushers or other officers their Respective annual Salaries or Allowances. As also for the encouragem<sup>t</sup> of the Students to grant degrees or Licences as they or those deputed by them shall see cause to order & appoint.

X. LETTER OF SAMUEL MATHER

October 27, 1701

[From the University Archives]

The author was a nephew of Increase Mather, and a classmate at Harvard College of Judge Samuel Sewall. He had preached for some time, in Milford and in Branford, Connecticut, before going in 1681 to Windsor, where he continued until his death in 1728. The condition of his health prevented him from taking active part at any time in the business of the College; though he continued nominally a Trustee until superseded by legal action in 1724.

Windsor, Oct. 27, 1701.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>rs</sup>.

I have been ill off late and now cannot write with my own hand; wherefore I use another, to signifie unto you, in answer

to your Lines, that my heart is much in that matter of a Collegiate Schole, & will do w<sup>t</sup>. I can to further it. My mind is fully fixt in that New-haven town Plat is y<sup>e</sup> best place for such a Schole. I have not been able as yet to discourse y<sup>e</sup> neighbouring ministers concerning y<sup>t</sup>. matter. This all, att present, from your ffriend & fellow Labourer in the Gospel of Christ.

SAM<sup>L</sup>L. MATHER

To the Reverend

Mr. Thomas Buckingham

Mr. Abraham Pierson

Mr. James Pierpoint—  
met at Saybrook

#### XI. LETTER OF JAMES NOYES

October 28, 1701

[From the University Archives]

The author, son of the Rev. James Noyes, of Newbury, Massachusetts, was born in March, 1640, and graduated at Harvard College in 1659. He began to preach in Stonington, Connecticut, in 1664, and continued there until his death in 1719. He was the senior member of the Board of Trustees of the Collegiate School.

He had attended the meeting of the General Court when the charter was granted; but in the present letter excuses himself from coming to the first Trustee meeting.

His brother and classmate, Moses Noyes, the minister of Lyme, was made a Trustee in 1703.

Stonning<sup>t</sup>. Octobr. 28<sup>th</sup>. 1701.

Reu<sup>rd</sup>. Sr. Yours came to hand subscribed by the other Reu<sup>d</sup>. Gentl<sup>n</sup>. Vnto them & you I giue my service w<sup>th</sup>. hearty thanks for your kindness when w<sup>th</sup>. you. In answer to your

letter, I return that I am aged crazie my will is more than my streneth. We rod early & late coming home & I haue not been well since I came home. I know noe call I haue to come or any trust put in me as to that matter, further then voluntarily for my self I am engaged; to me it is a journey ouer two rivers, & I am at the extreame part of the Collony. I haue not seen Mr. Treat since my return. Prouably my brother will be with you. I doe hereby desire & impower him to giue out of my books at his house my full proportion, & in nothing I would be behind hand in so publick a good & shall take all opportunities to promote it but hope Mr. Saltonstall a young active man will excite others of this County, my remoteness disadvantageth me to Conuerse w<sup>th</sup>. them. I humbly praye the god of heauen to direct & spirit you in the matter (that are intrusted & haue a full Call thereto) & also to succeed the motion w<sup>th</sup>. his smile thereon, for his glory & the publick interest, & also I beleive what you doe therein will be accepted of god & men & will at last haue a full reward, in w<sup>ch</sup>. I would put in for a share according to my poore capacitie, under many disaduantages whoe must alwayes humbly subscribe my self

Your real friend & very seruant

JA. NOYES SEN<sup>r</sup>.

I send to you because I haue a letter at the post house in w<sup>ch</sup> I can putt this & you are more in the waye of the post then Mr. Buckingham I suppose.

J. N.

I intend at night to write more fully to my deare brother at Lime w<sup>th</sup>. order about books that I will send as soone as I can.

These

For the Reur<sup>d</sup>. Mr. James Pierpont  
past<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Chh of Christ at  
Newhauen

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XII. LETTER OF SAMUEL SEWALL

October 29, 1701

[From the University Archives]

Mr. Woodbridge, who is mentioned in the last paragraph of this letter, was named as an original Trustee; but was not present to take part in the earliest conferences of the Board.

Boston; Oct<sup>r</sup>. 29, 1701.

Sir,

Your Letters of the 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>. Inst<sup>t</sup>. are come to hand w<sup>ch</sup>. gave Mr. Addington and me a great deal of pleasure, to see that you had so soon got an Act pass'd for the erecting of a College in your Colony; and to have Mr. Buckingham's own Hand as a sure Testimony of his being alive; after the Rumor we had of his being dead; which made us sad.

It would be an ample Reward of any thing we have done for you, if you would send us a fair authentick Copy of the Act: w<sup>ch</sup>. we desire; as also of the Place where the College is to be, so soon as you have Appointed it. . . . .

Present our hearty Service to Mr. Chauncy, Buckingham, Pierson and Saltonstall.

Mr. Tim<sup>o</sup>. Woodbridge remains lame here by reason of a Humor fallen into his right Legg. We are generally in health.

I am Sir, your Serv<sup>t</sup>.

SAM SEWALL

For the Rever<sup>d</sup>. Mr. James Pierpont  
at New-Haven

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November 11, 1701

[From an early copy of the original minutes in the  
University Archives]

At a Meeting of the Collegiate undertakers holden at Say  
Brook Novemb<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> An<sup>o</sup> Dom.<sup>ni</sup> 1701

Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Israel Chauncey  
Thomas Buckingham  
Abraham Pierson  
Samuel Andrew  
James Pierpont  
Noadiah Russell  
Joseph Webb

Whereas it was the glorious publick  
design of our now blessed fathers  
in their Removal from Europe into  
these parts of America, both to  
plant, and under y<sup>e</sup> Divine blessing  
to propagate in this Wilderness,  
the blessed Reformed, Protestant  
Religion, in y<sup>e</sup> purity of its Order,  
and Worship, not onely to their

posterity, but also to y<sup>e</sup> barbarous Natives: In which great  
Enterprize they wanted not the Royal Commands, & favour  
of his Maj<sup>tie</sup>. Charles y<sup>e</sup> Second to authorize, & invigorate  
them.

We their unworthy posterity lamenting our past neglects of  
this Grand errand, & Sensible of our equal Obligations better  
to prosecute y<sup>e</sup> Same end, are desirous in our Generation to  
be Serviceable therunto—Whereunto the Liberal, & Relligious  
Education of Suitable youth is under y<sup>e</sup> blessing of God, a  
chief, & most probable expedient. Therefore that we might  
not be wanting in cherishing the present observable, pious dis-  
position of many wellminded people to Dedicate their Chil-  
dren, & Substance unto God in such a good service, and being  
our selves w<sup>th</sup> Sundry other Rev<sup>d</sup>. Elders not only desired by  
our godly people to undertake as Trustees for Erecting, form-  
ing, Ordering, & Regulating a Collegiate School, for y<sup>e</sup> ad-  
vancement of such Education; But having also obtained of our  
present Religious Goverment, both full Liberty, & Asistance  
by their Donations to such an use, tokens likewise that par-  
ticular persons will not be wanting in their beneficence, Do in

duty to God, & the weal of our Countrey undertake in y<sup>e</sup> aforesd design. And being now met according to the liberties, & Aids granted to us for y<sup>e</sup> use afores<sup>d</sup>. Do Order & Appoint that there shal, & hereby is Erected & formed a Collegiate School, Wherein shal be taught y<sup>e</sup> Liberal Arts, & Languages in such place, or places in Conecticut as the sd Trustees, with their Associates, & Successors, do, or shal from time to time see cause to Order. For the more Orderly, & effectual management of this Affair we agree to, & hereby appoint & Confirm these following Rules.

1: Circular Letters declaring The Occasion of meeting Appointing also Time And place Signed by any Three of the Trustees or by The Rector and any Two of them which Being Sufficiently Sent to Each of the other Trustees Shall be Accounted Suffieient Warning for a meeting of them as also Seasonable notice Given to Each of the Trustees of a meeting appointed By a Quorum.

2<sup>y</sup> Upon Due warning as aforesd If a Quorum onely of s<sup>d</sup> Trustees Do actually meet their Elections Rules or Determinations In any Case Whatsoever Shall be Signified to The absent Trustees and not Be reputed Valid Until full Two third parts of the Trustees for the time being Do approve And ratifie the Same But in Case y<sup>t</sup> on s<sup>d</sup>. warning Less Than a Quorum Do actually meet then their s<sup>d</sup>. Determinations rules and orders whatsoever Unless In Cases hereafter now Excepted Shall not Be accounted valid Until all the Trustees Do approve and Establish The Same.

3<sup>y</sup> In Cases and Seasons (need requiring A meeting) when yet The Same Cannot yet with Conveniency be obtained, Circular Letters proposing s<sup>d</sup>. Cases and Sent to Each of s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees And Desiring their opinion and Advise, In Such Cases [       ] full two third parts of s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Shall Concurr in and Conclude Shall be the Determination and Issue Thereof unless in Cases of delinquency

4<sup>y</sup> That the Rector Master Usher or ushers and other officers Whomsoever From time to time Chosen Shall Continue in s<sup>d</sup> offices *Quamdiu Bene Se Gesserint* In Conformity to the



rules that are or hereafter Shall Be Established By s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees

5 No person Accepting the place of a Trustee for s<sup>d</sup>. School Shall Be Discharged from his trust until His reasons be accepted as Sufficient By at Least two thirds of all the Trustees for the time Being.

6 No orders or Rules whatsoever Establisht as afores<sup>d</sup>. By s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Shall Be abrogated By Less than two thirds of s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Actually met After a Due Signification of the Designed abrogation having been Made To all the trustees for the time Being

7 No person Intrusted with the Charge of ruling or Instructing the s<sup>d</sup>. School or Being a Student therein Or receving the revenues or Other profits Belonging To s<sup>d</sup>. School, Shall at any time Be Degraded or Expel'd His office or Station But by the Rector with a Quorum of Said Trustees Actually met: from whose Sentence and Determination An appeal Shall be and Hereby is allowed To be Made by Such A Delinquent If he see Cause unto the whole number of Trustees in which Case what two thirds of them Shall Conclude upon Shall be the final issue of that Case

8: The Rector til the Trustees otherwise appoint Shall make and Keep A record of all matters, Acts, Conclusions, Orders and things whatsoever Proper for records and usual in Such Schools to Be Registred

As also to put Down the names of Such Trustees as Shall Preside in The Several meetings.

9. The Trustees And Collegiate officers Shall Be Allowed the reasonable Expences of their journies and meetings in the Service of the s<sup>d</sup>. School Out of the Estate Given for use of the School, they giving in their Time and Labour:

10. The Rector and Such Neighbouring ordain'd Minister or Trustee as he Shall Desire Shall once Every year audit the Accounts of the Collegiate Receipts revenues And disbursements made by The Treasurer.

11. The Rector and Such Neighbouring Ordained Minister Or Trustee as He Shall Desire Shall attend the Examination

of Students in order to their admission And finding them Duly prepared And Expert In Latin and Greek Authors both Poetick and oratorial As also ready in making Good Latin Shall Grant them admission Into Said School

12. That Shall be Accounted a regular Admission of any Student As a Member of s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School when the Rector and usher or Tutor When There Shall be Such Appointed, Shall Sign a Transcript of School orders prepared By the Student which he Shall observe and obey During his Continuance In s<sup>d</sup>. School, provided his parent or Guardian Together with himself Shall and Do also Sign to Such an Engagement As this following As it Shall be found Standing on the School records

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed Desiring the Benefits of Education In the Languages and Liberal Sciences In the Collegiate School in Connecticut for our Children, Do Therefore Solemnly Engage and promise to submit our s<sup>d</sup>. Children at all Times during their Continuance in s<sup>d</sup>. School unto the Orders rules Discipline and Government of the Same according To the Appointments of the Reverend Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. School And we the s<sup>d</sup>. Children Likewise do voluntarily Submit our Selves Severally And promise y<sup>t</sup> at all times we will (*Deo Juvante*) Carefully Conform our Selves Unto s<sup>d</sup>. orders that are or hereafter Shall Be Establish't By s<sup>d</sup>. Reverend Trustees, for the well Government of s<sup>d</sup>. School, During our Continuance therein In witness whereof we Do the s<sup>d</sup>. Day and Year Set to our hands

The fore named and present Trustees Having well Considered The Above memorial and rules do unanimously Agree to, and hereby do Establish the Same in witness whereof we do order the reverend M<sup>r</sup> Chauncy to Sign the same In our names and behalf.

ISRAEL CHAUNCY

Sundry Orders Rules Acts and determinations Agreed upon and Establish't By s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees which are as follows: viz.

1: Upon mature Consideration that so all parts of Connecti-

cut Colony with the neighboring Colony may be best accommodated it was Agreed And Concluded on By the present Trustees y<sup>t</sup>. unless farther Consideration than the reasons now Before us occur and offer themselves we purpose to erect and form A Collegiate School in the plantation or town of Say-Brook

2: After much Debate and Consideration had the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees present Unanimously Agreed and Concluded to request the Reverend Mr Israel Chauncy under the title and Character of Rector, to take the Care of Instructing and ordering the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School, And accordingly to Condescend to remove Himself and family as there hereafter might be occasion from Stratford for the Better Accommodating of the Colony with the Cituation of s<sup>d</sup>. School which proposals the s<sup>d</sup>. reverend Mr. Chauncy Considering His age And other Circumstances was pleasd to Decline A Compliance with.

3: Whereupon The Trustees made the same proposals and motion To the Reverend Mr. Abraham Pierson who after Consideration was Pleasd to take the s<sup>d</sup> proposals into His farther Consideration and Until Such time As he shall Give His answer to a Quorum of s<sup>d</sup> Trustees will take the Charge of such Students as the Country shall see Cause Henceforward to send unto him.

4: It was farther Agreed y<sup>t</sup>. an order should Be Given to the Reverend Mr. Pierson Impowering Him forthwith to take the Charge of s<sup>d</sup>. School as aboves<sup>d</sup>. and that he shall be recompensed with Honourable Allowance for this Labour According to the work y<sup>t</sup>. in the mean time shall be put upon him.

5: That there shall be a record made and kept in the s<sup>d</sup>. school of the names of Benefactors to s<sup>d</sup>. school, and of their Donations That so due marks of regard may be (from time to time) put upon such persons and their posterity by the s<sup>d</sup> Collegiate School.

6: The Trustees above named nominate and appoint the Reverend Mr Samuell Russell of Branford to be associated and he Hereby is Chosen and associated with ourselves as a Trustee for Compleating the number of Eleven.

Sundry orders and determinations with respect to the Rector For the time Being and his work.

1 The s<sup>d</sup>. Rector shall take Especial Care as of the moral Behaviour of the Students at all Times so with industry to Instruct and Ground Them well in Theoretical devinity and to that End Shall neither By Himself nor by any other person Else whomsoever allow them to be Instructed and Grounded in any other Systems or Synopses of Divinity than such as the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees do order and appoint But shall take Effectual Care that the s<sup>d</sup> students be weekly in such seasons as he shall see Cause to appoint Caused memoriter To recite the Assemblies Catechism in Latin and Ames's Theological Theses of which as Also Ames's Cases, He shall make or Cause to Be made from time to time such Explanations as may be (through the Blessing of God) most Conducive to their Establishment in the Principles of the Christian protestant Religion.

2: That the s<sup>d</sup> Rector shall also Cause the Scriptures Daily (Except the Sabbath) morning and Evening to be read by the Students at the times of prayer in the School according to the Laudable orders and usages in Harvard College making Expositions upon the same, and upon the Sabbath Shall Either Expound practical Theology or Cause the Students non Graduated, to Repeat Sermons, and in all other ways according to his Best Discretion shall at all times studiously Indea- vour in the Education of s<sup>d</sup>. students to promote the power and Purity of Religion and Best Edification and peace of these New England Churches.

3: The s<sup>d</sup> Rector with Himself and Either the Tutor or tutors when there shall Be such shall have power to punish the non Graduated Students According to their faults Either by Imposing Extraordinary School Exercises or by Degrading them in their several Classes without the Benefit of appeal for the Delinquents.

4: That the Rector or Tutors until the Trustees Do otherwise farther provide Shall make use of the orders and institutions of Harvard College for the instructing and Ruling of the Collegiate School so far as he or they shall Judge them suit-

able and wherein we have not at this present meeting made provision.

5: That the Rector with two such of the trustees as He shall Call Together with the Tutor or Tutors when there shall Be such shall annually some time in September at the time and place which the s<sup>d</sup> Rector shall appoint attend the Examination of the Candidates whereupon approving themselves Duly Qualified shall Grant under the hand of s<sup>d</sup>. Rector and two Trustees unto the Several Candidates according to Their true merits A Diploma or Licence for Degrees of Batcheler or Master.

6: Each undergraduate or non Licenced Student Shall By His parent or Guardian pay to the Rector or Tutor for his tuition 30 Shillings per annum In Country pay at price Currant in the Country And Each Graduate During His Residence under the Benefit of s<sup>d</sup>. School Shall pay 10<sup>s</sup>. Per annum In Like pay and price.

7 That undergraduates Shall at the Discretion of the Rector have the Benefit of the Collegiate Library for their assistance in their Studies.

8 That at the Expiration of 4 years Continuance in their Studies and under the orderance of the Collegiate School Any person not Culpable and Convicted of Gross Ignorance or Scandalous Immoralities Shall on His Desire and at his Charge receive a Diploma or Licence for the Degree of Batchelors, And from thence at the Expiration of 3 years more so as in all to Compleat the number of 7 years shall receive upon his Desire and Charge a Diploma or Licence for Magister, But for the Especial Encouragement of Students in Their industry and good Literature as well as for the Ease of their parents Charges we not onely Disallow of Publick Commencements and forbid the same at all times But agree y<sup>t</sup>. If the Students any of them shall demand Their Diploma or Licence at the Expiration of 3 years and from thence of 2 full years, they shall and hereby we order and appoint that they do receive the same provided they shall

stand and be accepted upon such probation of their Qualifications as the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees shall institute or Conclude upon.

9: It is agreed the Trustees (Deo volente) will meet and Hereby do appoint To meet some time in April next ensuing the Date Hereof and at New Haven and on such a Day as the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Pierpont shall Appoint and send seasonable notice of.

10 If the worshipfull Nathaniel Lynde declines The Treasurers Charge Then it is agreed also that The Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>r</sup> Pierpont and M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Russel or any Two of them shall wait on M<sup>r</sup> Richard Rosewel of New Haven with Commendations from The Collegiate Trustees and their unanimous Request That he would Please to accept the Charge of Treasurer To s<sup>d</sup>. school, & if He refuseth, To obtain some other Suitable person and in our names to Give him order To receive and Demand donations Both publick and private For the Confirmation and Establishment of the above Institutions orders and rules. We the present Trustees Do Hereunto Subscribe our names

In Concurrance with The other  
Trustees I set to my Hand

JAMES NOYES

ISRAEL CHAUNCY  
THOMAS BUCKINGHAM  
ABRAHAM PIERSON  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> ANDREW  
JAMES PIERPONT  
NOADIAH RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB

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XIV. LETTER OF THE TRUSTEES

November 14, 1701

[From the University Archives]

In the handwriting of James Pierpont.

Saybrook Nov 14, 1701

To Mr. Nathan<sup>ll</sup> Lynde Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Sr.

You having condescended to accept in behalf of The Collegiate Trustees y<sup>e</sup> charg & trust of a Treasurer, These are to request, order & impower you to ask, demand, sue for, recover & receiv for o<sup>r</sup> use in y<sup>e</sup> Service of s<sup>d</sup>. School all donations, bequests, annuities whatsoever that are or shall be bestowed on us as Trustees for y<sup>e</sup> use of s<sup>d</sup>. School, & of the same to be accountable to us for s<sup>d</sup>. use until we otherwise do order or appoint, in wittness whereof we have y<sup>e</sup> day & year above named subscribd o<sup>r</sup>. names :

IS<sup>ll</sup>. CHAUNCY  
THO: BUCKINGHAM  
ABRAH: PIERSON  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
JAMES PIERPONT  
NOADIAH RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB

www.indiv. ~~col~~.edu **XV. LETTER OF THOMAS BUCKINGHAM**

December 15, 1701

[From the University Archives]

A report to the Governor of the Colony of the progress of the scheme which he had helped to its passage through the General Court.

Say-Brooke, 15 10<sup>br.</sup>, 1701.

Honorable Sr.

Considering the Countenance, It hath pleased yo<sup>r.</sup> honor, to afford unto the designe of founding a Collegiate Schoole, within this Government, I have thought it no lesse than my duty to informe yo<sup>r.</sup> honor what proceedings have been made in that affaire, since the Cort.

Seven of the Trustees, mentioned by the honorable assembly had a meeting, at this towne 12 No<sup>br.</sup> last and a very Comfortable unanimous meeting wee had, very well agreeing upon the person, who under the name of Rector might preside in, and take the charge of s<sup>d.</sup> Schoole (viz) the Rev<sup>rd.</sup> Mr. Pierson. wee alsoe had no great difficultie about the place (viz) Say-brooke (in case no Considerati<sup>o</sup>s. comes in to alter o<sup>r.</sup> thoughts) that appearing to bee the place for the best accomodati<sup>o</sup> of the Colonie in generall, and adjacent places; whereup<sup>o</sup> Mr. Nathaniell Lynde by subscription engaged a legall deed of his house in the Town plat with eight or ten acres of land Adjacent, and three or four other persons subscribed to the value of fifty pounds in money: provided the s<sup>d.</sup> Schoole bee at Say-brooke.

A letter from the Trustees was left with mee to the people of Kelingworth, and I have been there and offered it to them; I the last weeke received their answe<sup>r.</sup>, the summe of which, is that they doe not see it their duty to consent unto the parting with Mr. Pierson. I doubt if they should persist in that answe<sup>r.</sup> it might bee an occasion to worke some hindrance to, and possibly some confusion about that so good, and greate a worke: yet o<sup>r.</sup> god whom wee desire to serve is able to make



darknesse to bee light before us and unto him wee desire to looke.

S<sup>r</sup>. This very briefe account I thought my duty to offer to yo<sup>r</sup>. honor, humbly requesting that correction or further direction that in yo<sup>r</sup>. wisdome you shall thinke propper—which with the tender of my humble service, desireing god to bee with and blesse you in all yo<sup>r</sup>. publicke and more personall parts of duty is all at present fr S<sup>r</sup>. yo<sup>r</sup>. honors very humble servant

THO: BUCKINGHAM

These

for the Honorable, John Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Governor of his Maj<sup>ties</sup>. Colonie  
of Connecticut, in  
N. London.

## XVI. LETTER OF THOMAS BUCKINGHAM

February 25, 1702

[From the University Archives]

Addressed to the Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, the minister of New London, and pastor of Governor Winthrop.

Say-Brooke 25. ffeb. 1701/2

Rev<sup>md</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>.

in a letter from the westward, I find these sayings which I thinke best to transcribe to yo<sup>r</sup>. selfe verbatim.

After hearty Condolence of y<sup>e</sup> governors sorrowe, and prayers y<sup>t</sup> he may be spared in y<sup>e</sup>. o<sup>r</sup>. criticall hour; however y<sup>t</sup> he and you may bee prepared for the divine good pleasure. These may serve to suggest whether it would not be best to jogge M<sup>r</sup>. Noyes and Saltonstall, to propose to the Govern<sup>r</sup>. that hee would testifie his regard to the Collegiate School. Hee has under god given it breath, and a tender beginning, his benevolence would doubtlesse norishe it to farther strength; bee an honorable good worke, and doubtlesse acceptable

unto god: its pity hee should forget it, or it loose his kindnesse for want of a word.

I thought meete to hand these sayings to yo<sup>r</sup>. selfe, and leave them to yo<sup>r</sup>. and M<sup>r</sup>. Noyes prudence to make of them what you thinke good. I have neither Skill nor Corage in manageing such affaires. . . .

Please Sir to accept o<sup>r</sup>. services to yo<sup>r</sup>. selfe and ladies, and son, and all friends,

I am Sr. yo<sup>r</sup>. humble servant

THO: BUCKINGHAM.

These

ffor y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Saltonstall,  
pastor to y<sup>e</sup> ch. of christ at  
N. London.

## XVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 8, 1702

[From an early copy of the original minutes, in the University Archives]

Present The Rev <sup>d</sup>	At a meeting of The Collegiate
Israel Chauncy	Trustees in New-Haven April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Buckingham	1702
Abraham Pierson	At The Last meeting The Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>
Sam <sup>ll</sup> . Andrew	Pierson Being Chosen Rector of
Noadiah Russel	the Collegiate School desiring op-
Sam <sup>ll</sup> . Russel	portunity of Consideration, at This
James Pierpont	present meeting He gave his an-
Joseph Webb	swer. viz. That He Durst Not Re-
	fuse such a Service for God and His
	Generation, But Submitted Himself To take the Charge and
	work of Rector Upon him, and accordingly would remove with
	his family as might be most Serviceable To the s <sup>d</sup> . School
	Provided God open his way and the Rev <sup>d</sup> Trustees Take due

Care For The accommodation and Support of Himself and family in s<sup>d</sup>. Service; and in the mean Time will attend the Rectors work According To the rules prepared as also will Give the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Seasonable notice of His final Determinations.

2: The late worthy Treasurer to The Collegiate School M<sup>r</sup> Richard Rosewel Being Deceased The Trustees made Choice of M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>. Alling Esq of New-Haven To be Their Treasurer, Who accepted of that Trust whereupon orders Impowering Him Therein were prepared and put into his hand: And we do desire M<sup>r</sup> Pierpont in our Behalf to Direct Him as There is need.

3 In Consideration of the Rectors Hitherto Labour and for his support In the Collegiate work for the present in his hand, we order The Treasurer To pay or Cause to be paid unto s<sup>d</sup> Rector or His order The full Sum of Twenty pounds Currant provision pay:

4 After much debate and Consideration, The Trustees upon Sundry weighty Reasons Concluded That the place for the Collegiate School in Connecticut Shall not be farther Eastward Then Say-Brook or westward Than New-Haven, But the farther Determination of the Definitive Place is at present Suspended: . . . . .

5: we do further appoint Till further orders be Taken That if the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pierson Before another meeting of the Trustees Complys Actually To remove His family in service of s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School That for the Present There be at the Charge of s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, due provision made for The Entertainment of His family in the Town of Say-Brook: in Confirmation of the premises we put to our hands:

In Concurrence with The  
other Trustees I set to  
My Hand

JAMES NOYES

ISRAEL CHAUNCY  
THOMAS BUCKINGHAM  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> ANDREW  
NOADIAH RUSSEL  
JAMES PIERPONT  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB

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XVIII. LETTER OF THOMAS BUCKINGHAM

April 27, 1702

[From the University Archives]

The Mr. Taylor mentioned in this letter was Daniel Taylor, of Saybrook.

Say-Brooke 27. April, 1702

Honored Sr.

I procured Mr. Taylor to draw a draft of a deed of yo<sup>r</sup>. farme to y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate Schoole, and carried it to N. Haven, for correcti<sup>o</sup>. and emendati<sup>o</sup>.: y<sup>e</sup> first fault found with it was y<sup>t</sup>. it was to a Collegiate Schoole in Say-Brooke: y<sup>e</sup> second was y<sup>t</sup>. yo<sup>r</sup>. Consort, her name and consent was not in it. Of these I thought good to give intimati<sup>o</sup>. that so you may send mee her name, and her consent, and if you doe with her consent to have it to y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate Schoole in Connecticut without fixing any particular place or no. That so wee may not labor in vaine. A strong designe hath risen up to carry it farther westward: it is not yet fixed; whether the continuing it in an hovering posture bee to advantage time will discover. . . . .

Mr. Pierson hath not yet given his answe<sup>r</sup>. positive about his remove; hee at present taketh care of appearing students at Kenelworth, and upon signification of his resolve to remove it is agreed that care bee taken for his accommodation in Say-Brooke . . . . .

Please to accept o<sup>r</sup>. hearty service to yo<sup>r</sup>. selfe and ladie. I am Sr. yo<sup>r</sup>. humble servant

THO: BUCKINGHAM.

These

ffor ye worship<sup>full</sup>. major James ffitch, Assistant  
at Plainfield

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**XIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

September 30, 1702

[From an early copy of the original minutes in the  
 University Archives]

Present y <sup>e</sup> Rev <sup>d</sup>	At a meeting of the Trustees at
James Noyes	Kennel-worth Sep <sup>r</sup> 30. 1702.
Thomas Buckingham	order'd That the Collegiate School
Abraham Pierson	Be Settled In the Town of Say-
Sam <sup>l</sup> Andrew	Brook But for as much as under
James Pierpont	present Circumstances the sd
Noadiah Russel	School Cannot Conveniently Be
Sam <sup>l</sup> Russel	forthwith removed Therefore it is
Israel Chauncy	agreed That the s <sup>d</sup> . School Be Con-

tinued at Kennelworth Till provi-  
 dence shall Enable the Trustees to fix the same in s<sup>d</sup>. Say-  
 Brook.

1: Upon a motion of the Reverend Rector for assistance in  
 the instruction of Students The Trustees do nominate and  
 appoint M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Hooker To be a Tutor for whose encourage-  
 ment and Support in his work it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> out of the  
 Colony donation the Collegiate Treasurer Shall pay Annually  
 To s<sup>d</sup>. Tutor during his Continuation in s<sup>d</sup>. work 50 pounds in  
 Country pay Besides the Tuition money already ordered: we  
 appoint the Rev<sup>d</sup> Noadiah Russel to wait upon the sd M<sup>r</sup>  
 Hooker with our Letters, And to make a speedy return to The  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector, of the Result

2: orderd also that Every and each non-graduate Student  
 actually admitted to The Collegiate School do and shall repair  
 unto s<sup>d</sup>. School: and ordinarily under the Government and  
 instructions of the Same to remain: and at no Time to depart  
 out of the Town where s<sup>d</sup>. School is or Shall be kept without  
 Liberty obtained of the Rector or his Tutor: and that no such  
 Person shall have Liberty Granted of Absence from s<sup>d</sup>. School  
 for a Longer Space of time Than Two months within the  
 Compass of one year: and That no such s<sup>d</sup>. Student Shall have

Liberty to remove his Studies into More private opportunities unless on Such reasons and Grounds as shall Be approved by s<sup>d</sup>. Rector, Tutor, or Tutors and Two Trustees: notwithstanding Such allowed non-residence s<sup>d</sup>. Students Shall pay Their full tuition: But in Case that any Such Student Shall obstinately violate the above s<sup>d</sup>. orders He shall therefor Be so far abridg'd in or Excluded from the Benefits of S<sup>d</sup>. School according to the merit of his or their Crimes, as s<sup>d</sup>. Rector and A Quorum of Trustees shall determine reserving as Elsewhere is provided Liberty for the Delinquent to make his appeal.

3: order'd y<sup>t</sup> the Gentlemen of our Government ministry of the Colony Benefactors to the School all other persons of Liberal Education with the parents And Guardians of the Candidates be allowed auditors at the Commencement From time to time.

4: order'd that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham of Say-Brook in our Behalf Receive of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Lynde a Conveyance and possession of his Donation to s<sup>d</sup>. School, and to make such reparations and improvements of the same as may be proper and most profitable to s<sup>d</sup>. School until farther orders.

5: ordered y<sup>t</sup> The Collegiate Treasurer as soon as may be do Call for Receive and put out into safe hands upon Good Security the Several Donations That are or shall Be made to s<sup>d</sup>. School as may be profitable to the same.

6: ordered y<sup>t</sup> with what we have already appointed, our Treasurer Do make up the sum of 50 pounds of Country pay out of the Country Donation Unto the Reverend Rector of the School which according to our present Capacity We Intreat he would accept for his support in the Service of s<sup>d</sup>. School until the first of February next Ensuing, onely Desire he would free the School of the Charge of our present meeting. But provided we cannot obtain a Tutor in Convenient time yet That the Rector must Take Care of all the present Students, we promise To make farther allowance for his Great Labour during the time afore<sup>sd</sup>; it's farther agreed on that the Trustees will Indeavour to advance a hundred pounds in Country

pay which ~~Sum we promise~~. To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector in Consideration of His Trouble and Charge In removing and settling His family and Himself in Say-Brook for the Better Service of s<sup>d</sup>. School in a Reasonable Space of time; and when it Shall please God He Shall remove and Settle in the work of a Rector; we agree to pay him for his Salary 120 pounds per annum in Country pay; ordered y<sup>t</sup> the Treasurer Buy 2 Good Paper Books fit for accounts and Records. In Confirmation of the premises we put to our hands—

JAMES NOYES  
ISRAEL CHAUNCY  
THOMAS BUCKINGHAM  
ABRAHAM PIERSON  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> ANDREW  
JAMES PIERPONT  
NOADIAH RUSSEL  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> RUSSEL

## XX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

March 18 and September 15, 1703

[From an early copy of the original minutes, in the University Archives]

At a meeting of the Collegiate Trustees Held at Guilford  
March 18: 1702/3

Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham  
M<sup>r</sup> Pierson  
M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge  
M<sup>r</sup> Pierpont  
M<sup>r</sup> Noad. Russel  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Russel

Then agreed y<sup>t</sup> in addition to what we Have formerly ordered, The Collegiate Treasurer Pay To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector Thirty Pounds in Country Pay in Consideration of his service Til the first Week in April next Ensuing, and that he either Sell or send of what provisions he shall this year receive on s<sup>d</sup>. School account using his Best Care and the

advicce of M<sup>r</sup> Pierpont for the Disposal of the Same to the Best advantage:

It was also agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moses Noyes of Lime should be desired to accept the Care of a Trustee In the room of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chauncy Late Deceased.

Signed By order of y<sup>e</sup>  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Trustees present

JAMES PIERPONT

At a meeting of the Trustees for the Collegiate School in the Colony of Connecticut met at Say-Brook: September, 15: 1703 -

The Trustees Then present taking into Serious Consideration the Present State of the s<sup>d</sup>. School, which by the Blessing of Heaven hath Been so Far prospered, and the number of Students encreased as Renders it Absolutely necessary y<sup>t</sup> the sd School be speedily supply'd with a Tutor, To assist the Rector in instructing the Students of the s<sup>d</sup>. School, The Trustees not Knowing where to obtain a speedier Supply have agreed To Desire S<sup>r</sup> Hart to be Assistant to the Rector in the place of a Tutor pro tempore, and til the Trustees may have opportunity of further Consideration thereabout.

It was then agreed By the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees y<sup>t</sup> there be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Hooker five pounds Country pay Besides his tuition money for his service in s<sup>d</sup>. School. Agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector be allowed Forty five pounds in Country pay for his pains in s<sup>d</sup>. School for six months Succeeding the time specified at the Last meeting in Guilford

Signed { ABRAHAM PIERSON  
THOM<sup>'s</sup> BUCKINGHAM  
MOSES NOYES  
NOADIAH RUSSEL



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**XXI. AN ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

October, 1703

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 4, p. 440,  
Hartford, 1868]

It is ordered and enacted: That no schollar being a student in the Collegiate School, shall be entred in the publick list of male persons, nor be rated for his head; . . . and that the persons of all such schollars shall be exempted from watching and warding and all other such publick service, during the whole time that they shall continue in the said school.

**XXII. AN ACT OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF  
CONNECTICUT**

October 21, 1703

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 4, p. 454,  
Hartford, 1868]

The Governor, with his Assistants in Council, forming the Upper House of the General Assembly, held also separate sessions, in the intervals between the sessions of the General Court,—as in this case.

Whereas the Rever<sup>d</sup>. trustees of the Collegiate School erected within this Colonie have pursuant to the lawe, title Briefs, pag. 11<sup>th</sup>., made application to the Govern<sup>r</sup>. and Council to obtain approbation for the raising such a summe or summes within this Colonie by a brief or such like method as shall be needfull for procuring arfd upholding a tutor, and for further promoting of the said school by building or otherwise: the Council having taken the said motion into consideration doe see good to approve of the same, and doe hereby allow and empower the said rev<sup>rd</sup>. trustees to make use of any such

methods in the nature of briefs throughout this Colonie for the end or ends aforesaid: and furthermore the Govern<sup>r</sup>. and Councill considering the very hopefull progresse the rev<sup>rd</sup>. trustees have already made in the said affair, and the comfortable appearance that the said school under the prudent conduct of the s<sup>d</sup>. trustees will (through the divine blessing) conduce to the advancing of the interest of religion and generall good of this Colonie, doe therefore hereby recommend the aforesaid approved measures to all persons within the said Colonie, not doubting but there will be in all a generall readinesse in their respective stations, and according to their respective circumstances to forward so good a worke.

### XXIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

February 22-23, 1704

[From an early copy of the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a meeting of the Trustees for the Collegiate School in Connecticut held at Branford, Feb: 22: 1703/4

Present

M <sup>r</sup> Buckingham	}	Order'd that the Collegiate Treasurer pay to the Rev <sup>d</sup> Rector the Sum of thirty five pounds in Country pay in Consideration of His Labours in s <sup>d</sup> . School.
M <sup>r</sup> Pierson		
M <sup>r</sup> Woodbridge		
M <sup>r</sup> Andrew		
M <sup>r</sup> Pierpont		
M <sup>r</sup> Noad: Russel		
M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Russel	}	It is further Requested that the Rev <sup>d</sup> . M <sup>r</sup> Buckingham Do in Behalf of the Trustees, Signify to S <sup>r</sup> Hart The present Tutor our thanks for his hitherto Service: And that we Request his Continuance there, and for His encouragement do offer him fifty pounds in Country Pay at Country price per annum and so in proportion for such time as he shall see Cause to remain a Tutor, The money for the pupils Included in s <sup>d</sup> . sum.

For The preventing of irreligion idleness and other immorallities In the Students it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> Every Non Graduated Student without sufficient Reason absenting from the publick worship of God on Sabbaths or Publick Lectures in the town, or fasts or Thanksgivings Shall Be amerced By The Rector for Every such Default not above Eight pence; for Every omission of College prayer without sufficient Reason The delinquent shall be amerced By sd Rector not above two pence Each time; for Every omission of appointed Exercises The Delinquent Shall Be amerced, by s<sup>d</sup>. Rector or his proper Tutor not above four pence for Each default; for other immoralities The Rector is hereby Desired, according to his wisdom, To punish By publick Rebuke or Imposition of Confessions, or admonition, or amercement not Exceeding five Shillings for Each Crime, according to the merit of the same: and we further order that Record Be made of such delinquents and from time to time there Be Delivered to the parents or Guardians of Such Persons an account of the sum Such Students are or shall Be amerced for the afore<sup>sd</sup> faults.

Ordered that the following memorial be Sent with the Brief to all the towns in the Colony where it may Be proper To improve the Same.

God having as a Token for Good, Disposed our Good people to Encourage The Settlement of a Collegiate School which Through the Good hand of providence hath been prospered for the time as much as might Reasonably be Expected, the Trustees unto whom the Government hath Committed the Care of that affair have thought it fit in the first Place to take notice with Due thankfulness to God of the Liberal offers made by Sundry Gentlemen and well disposed persons of Late Manifesting their Readiness To Encourage a Design so manifestly Subservient to the interest of Religion as well as to the weal of our people and their prosperity; and next from a sense of that trust Reposed in the Trustees, and of the just Expectations of the Country, That we should Consult as far as is Reasonable The accommodation And Benefit of the

~~Colony in General~~; we judge it Seasonable to Propose to Benefactors that have offered or Shall, That they would Advance Such Sums as God Shall Incline y<sup>m</sup>. to in the Service of S<sup>d</sup>. Design with a Regard to the publick and General Conveniency Which ought to be Considered By all, and at the Same time to Signify What further Sums they Shall be ready to advance If that the Trustees may in Compliance with their trust Consult the particular Accommodation of Such Benefactors.

It was farther ordered y<sup>t</sup> the Collegiate Trustees pay or Cause To be paid, an hundred pounds in Country pay unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector or his order at or before the 25 Day of March next Ensuing the Date hereof, which is on the Consideration, that he Remove himself and family to Say-Brook, and there settle for the Better Service of the Collegiate School. Pursuant to an order made Sept 30-1702

THOMAS BUCKINGHAM  
T: WOODBRIDGE  
SAM<sup>LL</sup> ANDREW  
JAMES PIERPONT  
NOADIAH RUSSEL  
SAMUEL RUSSEL

#### XXIV. STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE STUDENTS

February 23, 1704

[From the University Archives]

In the handwriting of the Rev. James Pierpont.

To the Collegiate School in Killingsworth by the Trustees at a meeting in Brainford feb 23: 1703/4

A memorial:

Whereas by the good hand of God o<sup>r</sup>. Country have been moved to promote a Collegiate Society in this Colony, & have seen cause to designate y<sup>e</sup> care of y<sup>e</sup> same with sundry of

y<sup>r</sup>. [=their] Ministers, with full power & authority according to y<sup>r</sup>. best discretion to erect, regulate & att all times, to inspect & order y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Society so as may according to y<sup>r</sup>. judgm<sup>t</sup>. best of all (thrû y<sup>e</sup> divine blessg.) answer y<sup>e</sup> ends designed,—as we must with thankfulness to [God] acknowledge the hitherto success & hopeful appearance of y<sup>e</sup> enterprise, so we account it o<sup>r</sup>. duty according to y<sup>e</sup> trust committed to us, carefully to caution ag<sup>st</sup>. such spirits & methods, as have a tendency to discourage so great & happy an undertaking.

It may be sufficiently known that according to y<sup>e</sup> reasonable & laudible usage in such like societys the nomination & appointment of y<sup>e</sup> Rector, & Tut<sup>r</sup>. or Tut<sup>rs</sup>. needful in this School Appertains to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees as those accounted capable to judg who are most fitt for such stations, & obliged in faithfulness to introduce, support & encourage those against whom sufficient objections are now made.

Theref<sup>r</sup>. we esteem it o<sup>r</sup>. proper province to provide for this School such Tut<sup>r</sup>. or Tutors as are or shall be from time to time needful, & the same to support & encourage in y<sup>t</sup>. service until they shall see cause to remove or untill bef<sup>r</sup>. att least 2 thirds of y<sup>e</sup> whole number of Trustees, such reasons shall be offered, as they shall judg sufficient object<sup>ns</sup>. ag<sup>st</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> continuance of s<sup>d</sup>. Tut<sup>r</sup>. or Tut<sup>rs</sup>., wheref<sup>r</sup>. having an account of some discontents in some of y<sup>e</sup> students for y<sup>e</sup> time being in relation to y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sent Tut<sup>r</sup>., until we shall have in an orderly method y<sup>e</sup> reasons of them laid before us, as we cannot but hope that, too trivial exceptions will be soon rejected, by those whose interest & duty it is to cherish y<sup>e</sup> tender state of y<sup>e</sup> Society for y<sup>r</sup>. own profit, so att p<sup>r</sup>sent we desire & expect that the students according to y<sup>r</sup>. several degrees pay those regards w<sup>c</sup>. are proper not only to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Rect<sup>r</sup>. & unto y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>s<sup>t</sup>. Tut<sup>r</sup>., S<sup>r</sup>. Hart, whose introduction we well approve, are thankful for his hitherto service, desire his further lab<sup>rs</sup>. in that capacity, & hereby assure him that support in his trust, & encouragem<sup>t</sup>. for his lab<sup>rs</sup>. we are capable of.

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XXV. LETTER OF THOMAS BUCKINGHAM

May 12, 1705

[From the University Archives]

Rector Pierson appears to have intimated to Mr. Pierpont that a more satisfactory *modus vivendi* might be arrived at by the payment of more money for his services.

Rev<sup>rd.</sup> and Dear Sr.

Yo<sup>rs.</sup> per my son, came to hand last night. having this good opportunity, I thought good to signifie that I doe not know what Mr. Pierson wrote to yo<sup>r.</sup> selfe but for my own part, I neither heard nor thought of a meeting of the Trustees to make any Adition of money to the Rector. hee intimated not a word to me of any pecuniary workeing his way with his people or for Transportation, &c. If I did miswrite or yo<sup>r.</sup> selfe did mistake the case, it is meete that wee come to a right understanding: I do believe some disappointment with reflection some where will bee which if it could be prevented is desireable.

I hope to bee more large by my son; at present I may not enlarge, because the bearer waiteth, onely to signifie that wee are by the good hand of god in competent health and to desire you to accept from us both o<sup>r.</sup> hearty respects to both yo<sup>r.</sup>selves and yo<sup>rs.</sup>

I am Sr. yo<sup>rs.</sup> to serve you

THO: BUCKINGHAM.

These

ffor y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>rd.</sup> Mr. James Pierpoint  
pastor to the ch of Cht at N. Haven

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 XXVI. LETTER OF ABRAHAM PIERSON

September 21, 1705

with the answer of the town of Killingworth

[From a copy in the Killingworth Town Records]

To the Inhabitants of Killingworth:

Sirs,

Whereas I perceive that there is a misapprehention of my Answer at New haven to the Reverend trustees of the Collegiate School, which was latly published, in part among you, I do declare as ffollowith, viz, that in their motion to me there ware two things;

1: their Desire that I should take the Care & Conduck of the said School.

2: that I should Remove with the s<sup>d</sup>. Schol to the place by them appointed for it.

to the 1. of these I Answered as you have heard; the true meaning whereof was, that I Durst not Deny a Divine Call to attend that work, so far as was consistant with my ministerial work among you: and accordingly I have endeavoured practise ever since. To the 2nd of them, not Discarning a present call thereunto, after much perswasion & pressing to it, my Answer was to act therin as God should open my way: in which opening of my way, I ever included yo<sup>r</sup>. consent to my removal and never oblidged myselfe to Remove without it, & by your consent I mean your Genaral and Joynt consent, and not nearly a major part of you consenting; that as through Divine favour I have lived among you in peace, now about 11 years, so if I be removed from you, which is not at all of my seecing, I may leave you in peace, & have hope that the God of peace will be with you, and as a testimony of your genarall and joynt consent to my Removal, (if I do remov,) I expect your ingagment by sufficient sureties to Reimburse and accoding to agreement, without which I shall not part with the house, & without this ingagement I shall not think

that I have a sufficient expression of your Consent to my removal.

ABRAHAM PIERSON.

September 21: 1705.

To the Reverend Mr. Abraham Pairson

Reverend Sur,

In answer to the writing of Septemb<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 21, 1705, given in to us by John Crane whear in you do declare that the motion of the Reverend trustees to your selfe was, that you wold take the care of the Collegiate Schoole and: 2<sup>d</sup> to Remoue with s<sup>d</sup>. Schoole, to the first said your Answer was that you Durst not denie a Diuine call to attend s<sup>d</sup>. worke so far as was Consistant with your ministerial worke amongst us and accordingly have practised, To which we do declare that it is our oppinion that it is not, or like to be Consistant with your ministeriall worke amongst us to attend s<sup>d</sup>. School as heitherto. To the 2<sup>d</sup>. you say you Ever Included our Consent to the opening of your waye, to which we Answer that we shall not endeavor to act in that matter any firther than we haue already Don.

This voted in a towne meeting Nouember y<sup>e</sup> 2, 1705.

## XXVII. LETTER OF ABRAHAM PIERSON

January 12, 1706

[From the University Archives]

As the result of this circular letter to the Trustees, Phineas Fiske, of the class of 1704, entered on a very successful tutorship.

Reverend Sirs

Service, and due respects premised. I suppose you may haue obserued the insuccessfulnesse of our endeauours in seeking to obtaine Mr Whitman to be a tutor here, by his



being called to farmingtown. that failing, I had hopes, provision would be made for us, on that account by your meeting this week and that failing I have no other way to relieve the present necessity, but to offer the case to your selves, where you are, and desire your speedy and effectual care thereabout. Sir Whitley hath as substitute to Mr Hart, attended the freshmen, but is not satisfied to go on so, and the freshmen are not satisfied to be without a fixed tutor. So that there is a necessity of fixing a tutor without delay. One of the freshmen viz Sumner hath deserted us, and is gone, designing (as I hear) to leave off his learning, and more of them may draw off, if they have not a settled tutor, by the want whereof, they may seem to be neglected, as to what they reasonably expect. if we send not to cambridge (which is by some of yourselues seriously objected against) it may seem to fall between Sir fisk, and Sir Whitley, both good scholars and capable of such an emprovement, though one of them hath more seniority both in age and standing, than the other, and also hath bin now a considerable time absent from the School, and familiarity with the scholars, and lesse lyable to be objected against by the scholars. Whether one of these, and which of them, or some other, you incline to, and pitch upon, I desire to know, as soon as may be. and if you pitch upon Sir fisk, I desire that he may be treated with, about it, by one of yourselues, and his coming hastened. I desire that this letter, with what you shall please to add thereunto, may be transmitted from one of you to another, as far as fairfield, and your sentiments communicated, and please to let me know your resolution, if it may be by the next post. We must have a maiority of the whole concurring: if your minds be known and concurring, probably more will concurr with you.

Sir Whitley is by bodily infirmity made lesse constant than he would be, in attending the freshmen.

Sirs, your humble servant,

ABRAH : PIERSON

Kellingworth, jan. 12, 1705/6.

XXVIII. DRAFT OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE  
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 TRUSTEES

[From the University Archives]

These undated resolutions, in the handwriting of the Rev. James Pierpont, were probably drawn up in September, 1706; as the records of the Trustees for that period are wanting, it is uncertain whether they were actually passed.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Rector, Tut<sup>r</sup>. & Students in y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School att p<sup>r</sup>sent p<sup>r</sup>siding in Kennelworth be removed unto y<sup>e</sup> Town of Say-brook, early next spring, pursuant to a former act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees made for y<sup>e</sup> settle<sup>t</sup>. of s<sup>d</sup> School there, att a meeting held Sept 30: 1702: & accordingly request y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Buckingham [& Rector] to take care that the donat<sup>a</sup>. y<sup>t</sup>. are or shall be subscribed for y<sup>e</sup> reparation of y<sup>e</sup> house given for use of s<sup>d</sup> School be laid out for y<sup>t</sup>. and when & as he shall see cause.

having originally determined to render y<sup>e</sup> liberal education of students in y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School as easy for parents as we may, we further order that diplomas or Licences shall be granted to y<sup>e</sup> candidates as appointed, & forbid all other fees, gratuities donations to be made by any of y<sup>e</sup> students unto those that have for y<sup>e</sup> time being y<sup>e</sup> inspection & governm<sup>t</sup>. of s<sup>d</sup> School besides twenty shillings pay to y<sup>e</sup> Rect<sup>r</sup>. for each person receiving s<sup>d</sup> diploma or licence.

XXIX. VOTES OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

November 7 and December 24, 1706

[From the Town Records]

Rector Pierson died in March following.

At a town meeting, November 7th, 1706, . . . . . It was proposed to the town by the Desiar of Mr. Peairson in the behalfe of the trustees, for the towns allowance for the Colle-

giate School to be & remaine hear under the Care & Conduct of the Reverend M<sup>r</sup>. Peairson: the town have declared by their vote that they are not willing to allowe that the School should be kept hear as it has been.

At a town Meting in Kenilworth, December the 24, 1706.

. . . . . The town Did make Choyce of Decon Griswold [and four others] as a Commity to consider of, and Draw up sum tirms or proposalls for the town to Consider of with Respect to the allowance of the Colegiate School Being hear under the Care & Conduct of Mr. Pierson. and to make Return thear of to the next town meting. . . . .

### XXX. LETTER OF SAMUEL SEWALL

October 7, 1707

[From a copy in Sewall's *Letter-Book*, printed in the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, vol. 1, 6th series, p. 354, Boston, 1886; with corrections from an earlier MS. copy in the University Archives]

8<sup>r</sup>. 7, 1707.

Sir,

I have sent the five Volumns of Pole's Synopsis Criticorum, per Mr. Simon Smith, for the use of your Collegiat School. They have been Transported from Boston to Woodbury; and back again. If it please God they get well to Saybrook, I would have them rest there, and move no more. My Service to you, and the Gent<sup>l</sup>. Trustees, desiring your Acceptance of this Token of my being a Wellwisher to the Prosperity of your College; tho possibly, it may import the less increase of our own, I hope the Interests of Christ's Kingdom in general, will be promoted; w<sup>ch</sup>. is that we should aim at. I am, Sir,

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

S. S.

To Mr. Thomas Buckingham, at Saybrook.

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XXXI. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY, OR

JEREMIAH DUMMER

May 22, 1711

[From a copy printed in the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon's  
*Historical Discourses*, New Haven, 1839, p. 189]

Dr. Bacon probably obtained this extract from some member of the Pierpont family; but the location of the original is unknown.

The writer was a graduate of Harvard in 1699, and from 1710 to 1721 was Agent of the Province of Massachusetts in London; he also served the Connecticut Colony as its Agent from 1712 to 1730.

This letter contains the earliest known reference to any attempt to interest Governor Yale in the Collegiate School which now bears his name.

To the Rev. James Pierpont.

London, 22d May, 1711.

. . . . . Here is Mr. Yale, formerly Governor of Fort George in the Indies, who has got a prodigious estate, and now by Mr. Dixwell sends for a relation of his from Connecticut to make him his heir, having no son. He told me lately, that he intended to bestow a charity upon some college in Oxford, under certain restrictions which he mentioned. But I think he should much rather do it to your college, seeing he is a New England and I think a Connecticut man - If therefore when his kinsman comes over, you will write him a proper letter on that subject, I will take care to press it home.

. . . . .

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 XXXII. AN ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
 ASSEMBLY

October, 1712

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 5, p. 353,  
 Hartford, 1870]

An Act for encouragement of Learning.

Be it enacted . . . That the collegiate school at Seybrook, for maintaining a rector and tutors, and for their further encouragement in the education of youth, (which by the blessing of God affords divers instances of that good success that may be of great advantage to this Colony,) shall receive this present year out of the Colony treasury the sum of one hundred pounds in money or bills of credit of this Colony, instead of one hundred and twenty pounds in pay formerly granted to the said school.

XXXIII. LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

January 23, 1713

[From a copy in the University Archives, made in 1789, under the direction of President Stiles, from the original, then in the hands of Evelyn Pierpont, of Woodbury, Connecticut]

Dr. William Salmon, of London, who died in 1713, had traveled in New England in early life.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Dear Sr.

. . . . . Tis with regret I must now acquaint you that all my labour & pains with Dr. Salmon are at an end, for when I had brought him to consent to give his Library to yo<sup>r</sup>. Colledge an Apoplexy took him off before he had time to make a new will; and so an old one took place made severall years since, by which he gave that great valuable Library to an absolute

Stranger that he had seen once or twice, & took a fancy to. I have endeavour'd to retrieve this great loss, by begging a Library for you among my friends; & tho my Acquaintance with men of Learning & Estates is very generall, yet I did not expect to succeed so well in this Charitable enterprize, as I now find I am like to doe. For I have got together a pretty parcell of books already for you to begin with, & I hope in a years time to send you a very valuable collection, with the names of the Benefactors. . . .

I am Sr.

Your Faithful & Obedt<sup>t</sup> Humble Servt<sup>t</sup>.

JEB DUMMER

White Hall

23<sup>d</sup>. Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1712 [*i.e.*, 1712/13.]

Mr. Pierpoint

XXXIV. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

May 5, 1713

[From a copy in the University Archives, made by  
Edward C. Herrick, perhaps about 1850]

This letter was addressed to the Rev. James Pierpont,  
of New Haven.

Whitehall, 5 May, 1713.

. . . . . The Library I am collecting for your Colledge comes on well. Sir Richard Blackmore, (to whom I delivered the Committee's letter,) brought me in his own chariot all his works in four volumes in folio, and Mr. Yale has done something, tho very little considering his Estate and particular relation to your Collony. I have almost as many benefactors as books, which makes the collection troublesome as well as expensive. Sr. John Davy will give me nothing notwithstanding his promises, but it may be he intends to send what books he gives himselfe. . . . .

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XXXV. LETTER OF JOSEPH NOYES

July 26, 1714

[From a copy in the printed *Diary* of President Ezra Stiles, under date of March 18, 1779, New Haven, 1901, vol. 2, p. 326]

The author, a son of the Senior Trustee, and a graduate of the School in 1709, was now a Tutor.

Rev<sup>d</sup>Sir

I purposed to wait on you & to be our Epistle to yourselfe but many things prevent, especially Mr. Russel's absence; we content ourselves in sending one of the Candidates to bear this Epistle; which is to informe you rev<sup>nd</sup> Sir, y<sup>t</sup> on Thursday of this week (according to the Custom of this School) y<sup>e</sup> candidates were proved & approved, present M<sup>r</sup> Noyes of Lyme, y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>nd</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, as also y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>nd</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hart, M<sup>r</sup> Fisk, M<sup>r</sup> Mather &c. Our request is y<sup>t</sup> you would, Rev<sup>nd</sup> Sir appoint y<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Commencement work. Moreover it beinge granted at A meetinge of the trusteee, & recorded, y<sup>t</sup> *candidates in this School may print theses & A Catalogue*, as in other Schoole, we & they humbly request yourselfe would take the trouble to examine the theses & Catalogue presented to you by y<sup>e</sup> bearer—please to reject or insert theses as you please. It is also our humble request y<sup>t</sup> yourselfe would give y<sup>e</sup> Theses A dedication. Students are all in health; we always, Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, request your prayers, knowinge our charge is greate. Our Duty waight on Maddam Andrew. We shall not add, but the offer of humblest service to yourselfe, testifyinge y<sup>t</sup> we are

Your

very humble and obedient servant

Say-brook July 26, 1714

JOS. NOYES.

To the Rev<sup>nd</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew Rector of  
the Collegiate Schooll in Connecticut.

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**XXXVI. EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
 TRUSTEES**

September 8, 1714

[From a copy in the State Library, probably made in  
 October, 1717, for the General Assembly]

Apparently in the handwriting of Elisha Williams,  
 Clerk of the Lower House.

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at Say<sup>b</sup>. Sept 8 1714 pres<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>

Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Noyes  
 Moses Noyes  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Andrew  
 Tim<sup>o</sup>. Woodbridge  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Russell  
 Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ruggles

Agreed y<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Dan<sup>ll</sup>. Buckingham be desired & hereby is  
 authorized to Lease out Mr. Lynds Donation to the Coll.  
 School not exceding three years: liberty of pasture of an  
 horse for Each of y<sup>e</sup> tutors reserved out of it.

Signed JAMES NOYES JAMES PEIRPONT  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. ANDREW SAM<sup>LL</sup>. RUSSELL  
 THO<sup>S</sup>. RUGGLES

**XXXVII. ACTION OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CON-  
 NECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON A GRANT FOR  
 A COLLEGE BUILDING**

October, 1714, and May, 1715

[From the original *Journals*, in the Secretary of State's  
 Office, and manuscripts in the State Library]

Capt. Wakeman, Majr. Burr, Capt. Rogers & Capt. Wads-  
 worth are App<sup>ted</sup>. a Com<sup>tee</sup>. of this [Lower] House to Joyn a



~~Comtee. of the Upper House~~ to Consider what may be proper for the encouragem<sup>t</sup> of the Collegiate School and education of Indian children and to enquire into the disposition of the money by this Assembly granted to the Collegiate School and report accordingly.

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Peter Burr and Roger Woolcott Esq<sup>rs</sup>. were appointed a Committee [of the Upper House] to joyn with a Committee of y<sup>e</sup> lower house to conferr ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> measures for building an house for y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School and Schooling of Indians.

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Resolved That the Consideration of the bill granting 200<sup>lb</sup> for the building of a House for the Collegiate School past in the Upper House is referred by this [*i.e.*, the Lower] House to the Assembly in May next.

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The Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen y<sup>e</sup> Trustees for y<sup>e</sup> managem<sup>t</sup> of the Collegiate School at Say-brook representing to this Assembly the difficulties and dangers y<sup>t</sup> attend & threaten y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> School for want of the Advantages, Conveniences & Encouragem<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> might be hoped for, in case there were good Conveniences provided, for the entertainm<sup>t</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> School by the Education of such among us as may be Serviceable to God and his People especially in this Government.

This Assembly taking it into their serious consideration are fully satisfied of y<sup>e</sup> real necessity of a suitable house being provided for the Entertainment of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> School. And Do therefore Order That for the Encouragement of So good a work as building a Convenient house for s<sup>d</sup> School A brief be sent unto the several Towns & Parrishes in this Colony for y<sup>e</sup> asking the Contribution of the well affected to Religion & Learning among us which the Several Ministers in this Colony are desired suitably to Promote . . . . .

Past in the Lower House

www.Past in the Upper House with this addition that there be a 100<sup>lb</sup> allowed to the Collegiate School out of the Colony Treasury by way of Example.

The above-mentioned Addition voted in the Negative  
in the Lower House

**XXXVIII. EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TRUSTEES**

September 14, 1715

[From a copy in the State Library, furnished to the General Assembly in October, 1717, by Justice Daniel Buckingham, of Saybrook]

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Coll. School holden in Saybr. y<sup>e</sup> 14 of Sept 1715

Its hereby certiyed to all concerned that pursuant to an Act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at a meeting holden in Kennellworth Sept<sup>t</sup> 30 1702 ordering that the Coll. School established in this Collony be settled in the town of Saybrook; the s<sup>d</sup> School has been for 7 years last past removed from y<sup>e</sup> town of Kennellworth to the said Town of Saybrook and is actually settled there in wittness whereof we the Underwritten Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> School have signed this Certificate in a Gen<sup>ll</sup>. meeting of the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees assembled in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Saybr. y<sup>e</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> date abovementioned

MOSES NOYES  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. ANDREW  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. RUSSELL  
JN<sup>o</sup>. DAVENPORT  
THO<sup>s</sup>. BUCKINGHAM  
THO<sup>s</sup>. RUGGLES

October 3<sup>d</sup>, 1717: A treu cotype of the original  
test: Dan<sup>ll</sup>. Buckingham, Justice

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**XXXIX. AN ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

October, 1715

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 5, pp. 528-529,  
Hartford, 1870]

Whereas it appears by the agreements of the Commissioners appointed by the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and the Commissioners of the Colony of Connecticut, on the settling the dividend line between the said Province and Colony, and it was agreed and concluded that the said Colony of Connecticut should have 105793 acres of land then to be taken within the ungranted lands of the said province . . . . . This Assembly do hereby appoint and empower William Pitkin, [etc.] to make sale of the said 105793 acres . . . . . ; and that there shall be paid out of the moneys gained by the sale as aforesaid, five hundred pounds to the trustees of the Collegiate School, for the building a College house. . . . .

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**XL. EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

April 3, 1716

[From a copy of the original made in October, 1717, for the General Assembly, by Justice Daniel Buckingham, of Saybrook]

At a Meeting of the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Saybrook April 3<sup>d</sup>. 1716

Present y<sup>e</sup> Reverend

James Noyes  
Moses Noyes  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew  
Timothy Woodbridge  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russel  
Joseph Webb  
Thomas Buckingham  
Thomas Russell

The Trustees considering the great necessity y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School in this place Be Put into such Circumstances as may giue greater Encouragement to all y<sup>t</sup> are desirous of y<sup>e</sup> Improument of their Sons in y<sup>e</sup> academical Learning have unanimously agreed and Resolved y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> five hundred Pounds Granted By y<sup>e</sup> Colony to this School together with such other sums as may be gained for the Erecting of such Building as y<sup>e</sup> occasion of the School Requires Be forthwith Improved to y<sup>e</sup> End that a suitable house for y<sup>e</sup> Entertainment of y<sup>e</sup> Schollars with Chambers and Studies as well as a hall and Library as also a convenient Building for y<sup>e</sup> use of a Rector near adjoining thereunto Be with all convenient Speed Erected and suitably finished.

that a Gentleman of suitable age and Learning Be procured to take y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School who shall Live in y<sup>e</sup> house provided for that End and shall have y<sup>e</sup> advantage of Boarding all y<sup>e</sup> Schollars vnder graduates Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> School.

that a Sallery be allowed to s<sup>d</sup>. Rector besides y<sup>e</sup> advantage of Boarding the Schollars of one hundred Pounds per annum

that one Tutor Be constantly Maintained, and allowed a Sallery who shall Reside in one of the Chambers of y<sup>e</sup> College.

y<sup>t</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> Better ordering of y<sup>e</sup> affairs of y<sup>e</sup> School During

y<sup>e</sup> Time y<sup>t</sup> will be necessarily Taken up in Erecting Proper Buildings for a Rector and y<sup>e</sup> School that M<sup>r</sup>. Smith of Glas-tenbury Be Desired to come and Reside as a Tutor at the School in Conjunction with y<sup>e</sup> present Tutors: that the Sen<sup>r</sup>-Sophisters be allowed to Be absent from the School for a Time following their Studyes Else where vntill such Time as their proceeding to their degrees Requires their attendance here.

October: 3<sup>d</sup>. 1717: A treu Cop<sup>e</sup>. of the origin<sup>ll</sup>.

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DAN<sup>LL</sup>. BUCKINGHAM: Justice

**XLI. A REPRESENTATION FROM HARTFORD OF THE STATE  
OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL**

May 10, 1716

with the action thereon of the General Assembly

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 5, pp. 550-551,  
Hartford, 1870].

As appears below, the Trustees were requested (on May 17) to appear before the Assembly on Wednesday, May 23. The Assembly did not adjourn until June 7, but the Trustees do not seem to have put in any appearance.

To the Honourable the Governour, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, in Hartford, May 10th, 1716.

As the generous concern which this honoured Court have exprest for the promoting of learning in the people under their government, especially in that encouragement which they have given for the erecting and subsisting a Collegiate School in this Colony, is matter of great satisfaction to all such as reflect thereon and do rightly understand the true interest of a people; so, on the other hand, the present declining and unhappy circumstances in which that school lies,

and the apparent hazard of its being utterly extinguish unless some speedy remedy be apply'd, afford but a melancholy speculation to such as are acquainted with it. The consideration of this has excited in some, who heartily wish and seek its welfare, a desire to find out some expedient for its relief; and as the want of money has always been one reason of its continuing so long in an unsettled posture, so, to provide this without being further burdensome to the publick, it has been proposed to the people of this town, (as we understand it has been to some in other places,) to signify by their subscriptions what they are willing to contribute on this occasion. Our people have manifested a laudable disposition to forward so good and great a work, and have, in conjunction with other well minded persons, advanc'd such sums of money as by a due improvement may hopefully put said school into a flourishing condition, which we thought ourselves obliged, out of regard to the interest of the school, to represent to this Honourable Assembly, and, together therewith, their and our request that it might be fixt here; and if it appears to this Honoured Court that the erecting said school in this place may be more likely to conduce to the end for which such nurseries of learning are establisht, than the continuing it where it has hitherto been, we humbly hope that this Honoured Court will be pleased to allow us their countenance and assistance in it. And we beg leave to suggest some of those reasons on which we found our opinion of its being so, which are these, viz. Hartford is not only more in the center of the Colony, but is also surrounded with many considerable towns, upon which account it may easily be supposed that the number of students will be much greater than if it were at any other place which has not the like situation; besides several persons of distinction in the neighboring Province have assured us, not only that they will contribute towards the settling the school here, but also that they will send their youth hither for their education. There is already subscribed for that end betwixt six and seven hundred pounds; we also have good reason to expect

other very considerable donations, which will make up a thousand pounds and upwards. We have, moreover, a fair prospect of having the school supply'd with able and sufficient tutors. And we pray this farther favour from this Honourable Assembly, that there may be a committee of both Houses appointed to consider of this matter, and that we may have the liberty to be present with them, that we may give further satisfaction in what is demanded of us.

T. WOODBRIDGE.

T. BUCKINGHAM.

SAMUEL WOODBRIDGE.

SAMUEL WELLES.

In the name of many others.

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A Resolve of the Assembly, in response to the above:

Upon the representation of the Reverend Mr. Timothy Woodbridge and Mr. Thomas Buckingham and others, that the Collegiate School at Seybrook is in a languishing condition, and moving to this Assembly for a committee to hear from them the circumstances thereof:

It is Resolved by this Assembly, That the several gentlemen, the trustees of the said school, be forthwith notified that this Assembly desire the said trustees to meet in this place on Wednesday next, that they may shew to this Assembly the difficulties, and what may by them be thought expedient to be done therein . . . . .

## XLII. APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PROMOTION OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE SCHOOL IN NEW HAVEN

[From copies in the University Archives]

The University has copies of this appeal, circulated in New Haven, Derby, and Stratfield, respectively, with the names (mainly autographs) of contributors, and the amounts offered.

The subscriptions are given below, in the order of the places named, probably only a part of the total number of subscriptions in New Haven is included.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed upon the most serious and deliberate Considerations concerning the present State of the Collegiate School are of Opinion y<sup>t</sup> if it cannot be continued at Saybrook, then it is verry convenient if it be setled at New-Haven and therefore do recommend it to all who are generously inclined to promote such settlement of s<sup>d</sup>. School that they will please to subscribe what Sums they will contribute towards the Settlement and Support thereof at the Town of New-Haven so seasonably as that it may be offered at y<sup>e</sup> meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at y<sup>e</sup> next Commencement.

SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. RUSSEL  
 THOM<sup>S</sup>. RUGGLES  
 JOSEPH MOSS  
 TIMOTHY CUTLER  
 JOHN HART  
 JACOB HEMINGWAY  
 SAMUEL COOKE

We whose Names are underwritten upon the Counsel and good advice of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Ministers above written: do oblige our Selves, our heirs Executors & Administrators, to pay upon demand made within y<sup>e</sup> term of one year after the School is settled at New-Haven the several Sums subscribed & affixed to our several names unto the Treasurer of the Collegiate School for the uses above Specified.

Nathaniel Spery gives to y<sup>e</sup> Coledge if at Newhaven 05-00-00  
 Ebneser Spery for the incorgment of the colege pro-

vided it be at new heaven giues	5-0-0
Ebenezer Lines giues to y <sup>e</sup> Colege	1-10-0
William hotchkis giues y <sup>e</sup> Colege	3-0-0



Moses Sperry gives y <sup>e</sup> colege	2-10-0
richard Sperry Jun <sup>r</sup> .	3-00-0
John Moris	3-00-0
In Consideration of any former Subscription w <sup>ch</sup>	
hath bin sighned by me be made voidade I now sighne	10-00-0
Mary Trowbridge	2-00-0
Jn <sup>o</sup> . Hitchcock	1-10-0
Theo Holt 1¾ 3 <sup>d</sup> Divission sequestred Land and 30/	5-00-0
Theo Hitchcock	5-00-0
John Mix five acres sequersted Land	
Jos. Ives 1½ acres D <sup>o</sup> .	
Ens <sup>n</sup> . Dickerman Added 2 Acres d <sup>o</sup> .	
Serj <sup>t</sup> . The <sup>o</sup> . Munson 1 d <sup>o</sup> .	
Jn <sup>o</sup> . Bradly 1 d <sup>o</sup> .	
Jos Mix 1 d <sup>o</sup> .	
Thomas Sperry	3-00-0 in work
John Gilbert—4 acurs of Land in the third deusion of se-	
questered Land, the valley of	02-00-00
Samuel Iues—2 acres of land, also 2 pounds—all, 4-0-0, y <sup>e</sup>	
land in y <sup>e</sup> 3 deusion of y <sup>e</sup> sequestread land	
Theo Munson—2 acrs laund in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> of y <sup>e</sup> sequestred	
Joshua Hodkis—1 <sup>lb</sup> .-10-0	
thomas mix—2-0-0	
Rich <sup>d</sup> . Sperry Sen <sup>r</sup> .—3 <sup>lb</sup> .-0-0	
John Punderson—5 <sup>lb</sup> .-00-00	
James Gibbs—ten pounds for nails, mony or some other	
suitable specia [?]	
Nathaniell Yale—1 <sup>lb</sup> , & 3 Acres of Land & 3 quarters of an	
Acre of Land, in y <sup>e</sup> third divition of y <sup>e</sup> Town	
plot Sequestration & valued at 3-16 <sup>s</sup> .	
Samuel Clark Sener: 00-10-00	
John Bassat iun <sup>er</sup> .—3-00-00	
John Todd Sen <sup>r</sup> .—1 acre of land in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> division of y <sup>e</sup>	
sequed <sup>d</sup> land	
Ens Sam <sup>l</sup> burwell—3 <sup>lb</sup> .-0-0	
John Glover—5-0-0	
Ebener Mansfield—8 <sup>lb</sup> .-00-00	

Wid: Mary Todd—2<sup>lb</sup>.10-0  
 Samuel Attwater—1-10-0  
 David Attwater Sen<sup>r</sup>—2<sup>lb</sup>.00-0  
 Jos. Bradly—2<sup>lb</sup>.00-0  
 Jos. Turnur—2<sup>lb</sup>.00-0  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Bradly—1<sup>lb</sup>.00-0  
 Ebener Humaston—1<sup>lb</sup>.00-00  
 Jos. Hall—one acre of Land of the third Division of the late  
 sequestration

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	lb s d
Ebenezer Johnson	4-0-0
Abel Gunn	6-0-0
Stephen Pierson Sen.	3-0-0
John Pringle	3-0-0
John Riggs	10-0-0
ffrancis french	2-0-0
William Moss	10-0-0
Jeremiah Jonson	4-0-0
Josiah baldwin	1-00-00
Joseph Hulls	5-0-0
Thomas Wooster	3-0-0
John Towner	1-0-0
Samuel Riggs	3-0-0
John Weed	1-0-0

Signed in Stratfield  
 July-1716

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{ Samuel Cooke six pounds  
 Joseph Frost three pounds  
 Zachariah Hubbel four pound  
 Israel Chauncy fore pound  
 Benj<sup>n</sup>. Fayerweather five pound  
 Henry Jackson five pounds  
 Mary Sherwood thirty Shillings  
 Richard Hubbell 5<sup>lb</sup>.0<sup>s</sup>.0<sup>d</sup>

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 XLIII. LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

July 6, 1716

[From the printed copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 178-179, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>

Not having had the honour of a line from you Since my writing you Several letters, will I hope be some apology if I am but Short now. . . . . I shall be glad to hear how your Young Academy grows, & whether you have built a convenient receptacle for your library, that I may send you Some proper Ornaments to furnish it. I hope you had, or at least have by this time, the books & globes I Sent you by the last Ships, to which I am Still making Additions. I wish you health & all happyness, & am S<sup>r</sup>

Your faithfull Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JER: DUMMER

Whitehal  
 6<sup>th</sup> July 1716

M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge

XLIV. VOTE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF TOWN LANDS IN  
 NEW HAVEN

July 30, 1716

[From the Town Records]

July y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1716. At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> propriators of y<sup>e</sup> 20 acres of the sequesterd Land Left at y<sup>e</sup> end of y<sup>e</sup> town

... By a full vote they granted y<sup>t</sup> their should be eight acres of this Land next adjoining to Joseph Pecks Land granted to y<sup>e</sup> trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Colegiat School if it should be settled here & so long as it shall continue here.

#### XLV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 12, 1716

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Commencement, in SayBrooke, 1716, present the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Moses Noyes, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew, Mr. Timothy Woodbridge, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russel, Mr. Joseph Webb, Mr. Thomas Buckingham, Mr. Thomas Ruggles.

Whether upon the present appearances it be adviseable for us to remoue the Collegiate School to Hartford; for it Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Buckingham; against it Mr. Noyes, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Russel.

Whether upon y<sup>e</sup> present appearances it be not more adviseable for us to remoue the Collegiate School to Newhaven as a more convenient place than Hartford in case it remoue from Say-Brooke; Mr. Noyes, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Webb, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Russel for it. Mr. Woodbridge Mr. Buckingham against it.

Ordered that this Meeting of the Trustees be adjourned to the 17<sup>th</sup>. day of October next following & be at y<sup>e</sup> Town of Newhaven at s<sup>d</sup>. time. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative by Mr. Moses Noyes, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew, Mr. Samuel Russel, Mr. Joseph Webb, Mr. Thomas Ruggles. Voted in the negative by Mr. Timothy Woodbridge Mr. Thomas Buckingham.

Signed by Order & in the Name of the Trustees per

MOSES NOYES.

JOSEPH WEBB

SayBrooke Sep<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1716

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**XLVI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

October 17-20, 1716

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Collegiate School by Adjournment from Saybrook Sept. 12. 1716 holden at New Haven October 17<sup>th</sup> 1716.

Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Moses Noyes  
Samuel Andrew  
Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridg  
Samuel Russell  
Joseph Webb  
John Davenport  
Thomas Buckingham  
Thomas Ruggles

1. Agreed that the Reverend Mr Moses Noyes be the Moderator of this Meeting.
2. Agreed that the Reverend Mr John Davenport be the Scribe of this Meeting.

3. Question. Whether Considering the Difficulties of Continuing the Collegiate School of Connecticut Colony at Saybrook appearing to us, We the Trustees of sd School agree that the sd Collegiate School be now removed from Saybrook to Newhaven, & that the said Collegiate School be settled at Newhaven, as a very Convenient place for it, and for which the Most Liberal Donations are given, appearing to us, as well as on many other Considerations, and it is now Setled at Newhaven accordingly?

The Question thus Resolved & voted viva voce for it Mr Ruggles, Mr Davenport, Mr Webb, Mr Russell, and Mr Andrew. Against it Mr Buckingham & Mr Woodbridg

Mr Noyes Moderato<sup>r</sup> declares, he doth not see the necessity of removing the School from Saybrook, but if it must be removed from Saybrook, his mind is, that it be settled at Newhaven

Saturday octob<sup>r</sup> 20

4. agreed that this meeting of the Trustees be adjourned to monday next at two a Clock in the afternoon.

5. Whether the Trustees here convened to judg it Convenient, that Application be made by sd Trustees to the General Assembly to nominate the place of the Collegiate School of this Colony when the sd Trustees on this present meeting in the faithful discharg of the trust reposed in them, and in Exerting of the power conveyed to them by the act for sd School have already Settled the sd School at New haven

For the negative M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> Webb,  
M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew

M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham saith, he is not free to cutt himself off of any Liberty of applying to the G. Court, as ye case is circumstanced.

M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridg is for the affirmative as the Case is Circumstanced

M<sup>r</sup> Noyes saith, he doth not oppose it going to ye Court.

6. Whether we approve M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Smith of Glassenbury for a Tutor of the Collegiate School?

Yea Say M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>r</sup> Noyes from the Recommendation given him.

M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham & M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridg Say, they know not but he is very well qualified for the trust of a Tutor

7. Whether We approve Sir Johnson of Guilford for a Tutor of the Collegiate School?

Yea. M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Noyes, Some of them so say from his Recommendation.

M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham saith, he hath nothing to object against him on account of his qualifications.

M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge saith, he doth not account it Convenient to mention him, because of Newark Call

8. Sir Johnson was desired to appear before the Trustees, & the ofer of a Tutor of the School was made to him, & he desired to Consider of it, and then give us the Result of his thoughts, & acceptance

9. Whether we agree that the Building of a Collegiate

School & also the house for a Rector in New haven be undertaken with all Convenient Speed?

Yea. M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, also Yea Saith M<sup>r</sup> Noyes if it must go from Saybrook but he chooseth to Suspend.

M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham chuseth Silence. M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridg saith nay

10. Whether the hon<sup>ble</sup> or. Gov<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> or. Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup> be Intreated to favour us with their advice concerning the architectonick part of the buildings of the Collegiate house & the Rector<sup>s</sup> house?

Yea. M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Davenpt, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Noyes

M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham chuseth not to act. M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge hath nothing ag<sup>t</sup> advice.

11. M<sup>r</sup> Russel, & M<sup>r</sup> Davenport being deputed by the trustees, waited on their hono<sup>rs</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>, who kindly received the motion. & the Govern<sup>r</sup> freely declared his Willingness to serve the Trustees on acc<sup>t</sup> of Buildings

12. We agree, that an ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the Worshipful Jn<sup>o</sup> Alling Esq<sup>r</sup> Treasurer of the Collegiate School to demand by himself or Ord<sup>r</sup> & receive for the use of sd School of the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridg & M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Buckingham both of hartford the five hundred pounds in their hands, given by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly to the trustees of sd School, & ord<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Davenport the Scribe to Sign the said order

By an universal vote. in y<sup>o</sup> affirmative: viz. M<sup>r</sup> Rug. M<sup>r</sup> Dav. M<sup>r</sup> Web. M<sup>r</sup> Rus. M<sup>r</sup> And. M<sup>r</sup> Noyes

13. We agree that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew of Millford be the Rector of the Collegiate School for the present, & until a Settled Rector be fixed in the School (w<sup>ch</sup> we will endeavour with all Convenient Speed) often to visit & Inspect the s<sup>d</sup> School.

Voted with a full vote viz M<sup>r</sup> Rug. M<sup>r</sup> Dav. M<sup>r</sup> Web. M<sup>r</sup> Rus. M<sup>r</sup> Noyes

14. We agree, that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridg & M<sup>r</sup> Thom. Buckingham of hartford be ordered to Deliver to M<sup>r</sup>

John Alling Treasurer or Order the five hundred pounds given by the General Assembly of this Colony to the trustees of s<sup>d</sup> School. Voted by a full vote. M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

15. We agree that S<sup>r</sup> Johnson be a tutor of the Collegiate School & choose him accordingly. Voted M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N. present M<sup>r</sup> B & W

16. Sir Johnson appearing before the Trustees did accept of the place of a Tutor of the Collegiate School, whereunto he is chosen

17. By virtue of an Ord<sup>r</sup> from the Trustees of this Meeting to ye Treasurer of the Collegiate School to receive the five hundred pounds given by the General Assembly to the Trustees of the Collegiate School, Capt. Joseph Whiting of New haven as order of the sd Treasurer did actually receive the Just & full Sum of five hundred pounds in Bills of Credit Currant in this Colony, delivered by ye Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridg & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Buckingham in the presence of the Trustees Subscribing

Samuel Russel	Moses Noyes
Joseph Webb	Samuel Andrew
Thomas Ruggles	John Davenport

18. We agree, that M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Smith be a Tuto<sup>r</sup> of the Collegiate School, and choose him accordingly? By an Universal Vote of all present M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

19. We agree, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Andrew the Recto<sup>r</sup> acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Smith of his being chosen Tutor of the Collegiate School, and Solicit him by Letters to Accept the place? By a full vote. M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. N. M<sup>r</sup> B. W. A. did not vote.

20. We agree, in case of M<sup>r</sup> Smith his not accepting the place of tutor whereunto he is chosen, that then the Recto<sup>r</sup> with any two of the trustees besides, have power to Supply the place of a tutor, until the next meeting of the Trustees. Voted & past. M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. N. M<sup>r</sup> B. W. A. did not vote.

21. We agree, that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles be the Committee of the Trustees to



Inspect, order, & direct the Buildings afores<sup>d</sup> of the Collegiate house & the Rectors house at New haven. By a full vote Each member of the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees-Committee was chosen separately

22. We further agree that a major part of s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Committee Shall have a power to act in Relation to s<sup>d</sup>. buildings. By a full vote.

23. We agree & make Choice of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith afores<sup>d</sup>. to be the Senio<sup>r</sup> Tuto<sup>r</sup> of s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School. By a full vote. Mr. R. D. W. R. A. N.

24. We agree that M<sup>r</sup> Wareham Mather Captain Joseph Whiting and M<sup>r</sup> John Punderson Junio<sup>r</sup> all of New haven be & hereby are appointed a Committee together with M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Law of Milford & Captain John Hall of Wallingsford who are desired to give also their assistance as often as they may with Convenience, to have the oversight & ord<sup>r</sup>ing of the buildings for the Collegiate School & and Recto<sup>r</sup> with all Convenient Speed according to the advice & Directions from time to time given by the Committee of the Trustees appointed by this meeting. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

25. We agree, that M<sup>r</sup> Russel M<sup>r</sup> Webb M<sup>r</sup> Davenport & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles Shall attend a quarterly Visitation of the Collegiate School Each of them, wherein a Sermon is designed to be delivered to the Students, by the Visitants in their Respective times. By a full vote. M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

26. We agree that Notice be given to all the Students belonging to this Collegiate School, that provision is made by the Trustees for their Instruction & Government here at New haven. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

27. We desire & order M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel to write in our Name to M<sup>r</sup> John Dixwell of Boston to send by the first Safe Opportunity the Books & Globes given to the Collegiate School unto New haven & Consign them to the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes of New haven for the Use of the School. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

28. We intreat the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Mosès Noyes to take care

for the present & untill further ord<sup>r</sup>, that the books of the Collegiate School, which books are now at Saybrook be well secured. By a full vote, M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A.

29. We agree, that the Classes of the Senior Sophisters & Junior Sophisters be under the Tuition of the Senior Tutor, and that the Classes of Sophimores & Freshmen be under the Tuition of the Junior Tutor. By a full vote. M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

30. We agree, desire & order M<sup>r</sup> Samuël Russel late Tutor of s<sup>d</sup>. School to receive & safely convey the Colledg-Records from Saybrook to New-haven. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

31. We agree that the Senior Tutor be the Library-keeper for the s<sup>d</sup>. School at New-Haven. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

32. We agree that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham be chosen a Trustee of the Collegiate School. By a full vote M<sup>r</sup> R. D. W. R. A. N.

All the Above Agreements Acts & Votes Voted & passed by a full Vote as above is Specified

Test. JOHN DAVENPORT Scribe

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December 19. 1716.

I have perused & well considered the above 32 voats of the trustees & doe hereby signe them in token of my hearty Concurrence w<sup>th</sup>. all & euery of s<sup>d</sup>. voats, as witness my hand.

JAMES NOYES.

Witnesses,

Robert Stanton

Daniel harison

**XLVII. VOTE OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD**

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**December 18, 1716****[From the Town Records]**

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hartford held in Hartford December 18<sup>th</sup>. 1716.

Voted that whereas the General Assembly of this Colony having sometime since given power to certain Trustees to erect a Collegiate school in this Colony, and to determine the place of its settlement, and having also contributed to its yearly maintenance, and given a very considerable sum of money to the building a house for the entertaining of schollars

And whereas the counties of Hartford and New-London, being more in number than the rest of the government, and paying the greatest part of the money given for the subsisting the Collegiate school, and having furnished the said school with the greater number of schollars, had reason to expect that in appointing the place of the school, good respect should be had to them therein; but finding it quite otherwise, and that the settling thereof at New Haven is attended with great difficulties, such as cannot be easily overcome, it being so very remote, and the transporting any thing by water thither being so uncertain, there being but little communication between these counties and New Haven; and understanding that at a meeting of the major part of the Trustees, at Hartford last May, which major part, by the charter given to the Trustees, have full power to act, did then determine that if they could not universally agree to the place of settlement of said school, when they should meet at the next commencement, at Saybrook, then they should refer the nomination of the place, to the meeting of the General Assembly next October following, those of the Trustees that dissented from the settling of the school at New-Haven, were under the necessity, in faithfulness to those counties for whose convenience they were concerned to inform the General Assembly of the same, but there being then nothing issued, we do for ourselves declare our dissatisfaction with the settling the Collegiate school at New-

Haven, by only an equal part of the Trustees, and hereby remonstrate against the same, and desire that the General Assembly that shall be in May next, may be moved, that by an act, they make a full settlement thereof, and that it be a part of the instruction of our deputies at the said General Assembly, to offer this our remonstrance and endeavour that the Collegiate school may be settled in a place that shall be judged by them most suitable, and where it may be best subsisted, and most accomodable to the greatest part of the government.

**XLVIII. AUTHORIZATION BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE  
USE OF MONEY FOR BUILDING IN NEW HAVEN**

December 19-29, 1716

[From the University Archives]

The text is in the handwriting of the Rev. Samuel Russel, of Branford.

The Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Andrew, Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Russel, Joseph Webb, John Davenport, & Thomas Ruggles having (by Act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at Newhaven, on Octobr. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1716) been chosen a Committe of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School to Inspect, Order and direct the building the Collegiate house and the Rectors house at Newhaven:

Wee subscribed do hereby giue them s<sup>d</sup>. Committee, or y<sup>e</sup> Major part of them, full power to draw forth of y<sup>e</sup> School Treasury from time to time until farther order of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees, such sums of money as shal be needful for their carrying on of s<sup>d</sup>. Buildings, or any charges y<sup>t</sup>. may arise thereon.

Stonington, Decemb<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1716 { JAMES NOYES  
SAMUEL RUSSEL.

New Haven, Decem. 27, 1716 { SAMUEL ANDREW  
THO. RUGGLES

Fairfield Dec<sup>r</sup>. 28 1716 JOSEPH WEBB  
Stamford Dec<sup>r</sup>. 29, 1716 JOHN DAVENPORT

XLIX. VOTE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF TOWN LANDS IN  
NEW HAVEN

December 24, 1716

[From the Town Records]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Undeuided Land in N Haven this 24 day of Decem<sup>br</sup>. 1716.

. . . . . The s<sup>d</sup>. propriators grant y<sup>t</sup>. eight acres of y<sup>e</sup> Land next adjoyning to y<sup>e</sup> two acres of squestred Land giuen by Joseph Peck to y<sup>e</sup> Colegiat School be granted to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. School when & so long as s<sup>d</sup> school shall be continued here & y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> propriators of y<sup>e</sup> sequestred Land in y<sup>e</sup> town be allowed for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. eight acres of Land in y<sup>e</sup> most conuenient place. . . . .

L. A REMONSTRANCE AGAINST THE SETTLING OF THE  
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL AT NEW HAVEN

[From a copy in the University Archives made in 1717  
by Tutor Samuel Johnson]

This paper was circulated by the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge and the Rev. Thomas Buckingham, the two Hartford Trustees. The date was probably in January, 1717.

The Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of this Collony having some time given power to certain Trustees to Erect a Collegiate School in this Colony and to Determine the place of its Settlement, & having also Contributed to its yearly Maintainance & given a very Considerable Summe of Money to the building an House for Entertaining of Schollars. And whereas the Counties of N London & Hartford being more in Numbers than the rest of y<sup>e</sup> Government & paying the Greatest part of the Money given for the Subsisting the Collegiate School, & having furnished the s<sup>d</sup>. School with the greatest Number of Schollars, had reason to Expect that in apointing the place of the School Good respect should have been had to them therein.

But finding it quite Otherwise, & that the Settling thereof at N Haven is attended with great Difficulty, such as cant be easily overcome, it being so very remote & the Transporting any thing by Water so uncertain, & there being so little Communication between these Counties & N Haven. & Understanding that at a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Major part of the Trustees at Hartford (which Major part by the Charter given to the Trustees have full power to act) did then determine that if they Could not Universally Agree to the Settlement of s<sup>d</sup>. School when they should meet at next Commencement at Saybrook then they should refer the Nomination of the place to the Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly next October following. Those of the Trustees that Dissented from the Settling the Collegiate School at N Haven were under a Necessity in faithfullness to those Counties for whose Conveniency they were Concerned to inform the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of the Same, but there being Nothing Issued: We do for o<sup>r</sup>. selves declare our Dissatisfaction with the Settling of y<sup>e</sup> School at N Haven, by only an Equal part of the Trustees, & hereby Remonstrate against the same & desire that the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly that shall be in May next, may be moved that by an Act they may make a full Settlement thereof, & y<sup>t</sup>. it be part of the Instructions of y<sup>r</sup>. Deputies at the s<sup>d</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly, to offer y<sup>a</sup>. our remonstrance & Endeavour y<sup>t</sup>. the School be settled in a place, that shall be judged by them most Convenient & where it may be best subsisted & most accomodable to the greatest part of the Government.

LI. MEMORANDUM OF TIMBER FOR THE COLLEGIATE  
HOUSE

January 4, 1717

[From the University Archives]

In y<sup>e</sup> front, 10 posts, 27 foot long; 10 inches Square each.  
———3 Sils 54 foot Long, beside Spliceing, 10 inches wide,  
& 8 deep.

——— for y<sup>e</sup> Hall, 2 girts; 31 foot Longe; 10 inches wide & 8 deep.

——— for y<sup>e</sup> Staircases, 6 girts; 9 foot Long; 10 inches wide & 8 deep.

——— for y<sup>e</sup> other romes, 10 girts 21 foot Long; 10 Inches wide 8 deep.

3 plates 54 foot Long (besides Spliceing); 8 Inches Square for the Ends 4 Girts 21 foot Long 10: and 8.

for the Top 10 beams 27 foot Long 10: and 8

For End Sils and Cross Sils 10: of 22 foot Long: 10 & 8

21 Summers: 22 foot Long: 12: and 8: or 7

16 Cross Girts 21 foot Long 10 & 8

for the back of the house 10 posts 27 foot Long 10 Square

10 Girts 21 foot Long 8: and 6

for the hall back & 2 Girts 31 foot Long 8 and 6

Newhaven Jan<sup>y</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1716/7. I gaue the Committe for building the Collegiate house the aboue dimensions for y<sup>e</sup> getting y<sup>e</sup> great timber for s<sup>d</sup>. house

Wittnes my hand

SAMUEL RUSSEL

### LII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

February 21, 1717

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 179-182, Boston, 1904]

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Worthy Sr

I have your letter of May Last before me. . . . I am sorry I cannot yet Send you the rest of the books with the Catalogue, but hope to do it by the fall, having a promise of Several large benefactions not yet come in. I should be glad however in the mean time if some oration at your Commencement might take notice of what Books you have already receiv'd (I mean onely in General words) & acknowledge your obligations to yo<sup>r</sup> Friends here, & that then

a proper paragraph of it might be prepar'd for the Boston Gazett, & the Gazett sent over to me. I could perhaps make use of this contrivance to the great advantage of the Colledge, besides it is a necessary peice of gratitude in you, & as requisite for my acquittal. . . . .

I wish you much health & happyness & am With very great Esteem & respect

S<sup>r</sup>

Your faithfull Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JEB: DUMMER

Whitehall

21<sup>t</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 1716/17

M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>ty</sup> Woodbridge

LIII. REMARKS ON THE REMONSTRANCE AGAINST SETT-  
TLING THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL AT NEW HAVEN

February 22, 1717

[From a contemporary copy, by Tutor Samuel Johnson,  
in the University Archives]

The signers of this document were the acting Rector, Samuel Andrew, of Milford, and a neighboring Trustee, Samuel Russel, of Branford. An endorsement ascribes the authorship to Rector Andrew's son-in-law, Jonathan Law (Harvard 1695), of Milford, a lawyer, and Judge of the Superior Court.

Some Remarks upon y<sup>e</sup> Unjust representation Contain'd in a paper unfairly Dispersed thro' the Counties of N London & Hartford (according to Information) Called a remonstrance against the Settling those Affairs in a true & clear Light.

The Remonstrance is attended with somthing of Inconsistencies Mistakes & Misrepresentations. The Declaration is Inconsistent with the Supplication.



The Remonstrants say truly that the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly have given power to Certain Trustees to determine the place of the Settlement of the Collegiate School, & that the major part of them have full power to Act, for further Confirmation w<sup>o</sup>f these are the Clauses of y<sup>e</sup> Charter or Act, viz<sup>t</sup> in such convenient place or places as to them shall seem meet & most conducive to the Ends affors<sup>d</sup>, that the affore named Trustees or the major part of them, have & shall have the Oversight, Liberty, Power & Privilidge, to furnish Direct Manage & Improve the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School so erected & founded by y<sup>m</sup>. Tis strange these Gentlemen should desire the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly to settle it in such a place as to them should seem meet. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men, tho it be but a mans Covenant, if it be Confirmed no man disannuleth it, or addeth thereto. Gal. III. 15, 16, 17. By the same Rule every Order of the Trustees may be defeated, every Contra remonstrant will be of opinion that when the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly shall do this thing they shall practically say to the World & to his Majesty, that all these Elections & other Acts may by Application to him under whome they hold thier Charter be avoided & defeated. Let none desire the Assembly to do that to thier Grantees which they would not Others should do to them viz Destroy their Charters & Charter privileges.

The Remonstrants are mistaken in the very thing on which they ground thier Dissatisfaction, viz that its Settled at N Haven by only an equal part of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. At N Haven were convened Eight Trustees, & but one capable of action absent. Of those who were present 5 were for N Haven, 2 Absolutely against it viz the Upriver Trustees who at Saybrook in September last voted it Advisable to remove the Collegiate School to Hartford, as the Memoirs of the September Meeting expressly shew<sup>d</sup>; the other declared that in Case the Collegiate School must be removed from Saybrook then he was for its Settlement at N Haven.

Mr. M——r of W——r then was and for a long time had been incapable of any Concernment with it but while Capable declared himself for N Haven in a letter to Mr. Pierpont yet

to be seen. As for Mr. N——ys of Stonnington then Absent, The Trustees at s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting had Certain Information that he was for its Settlement at N Haven & took the first Opportunity to manifest his Consent with the five for the Settlement at N Haven, & signed thier Agreement w<sup>th</sup>. his own hand.

Hence, than these things nothing can be more plain viz<sup>t</sup>  
 1 That the Active Trustees were but nine if that which was wanting cannot be numbered of w<sup>c</sup> five is y<sup>e</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup>. part. 2 that if the Trustees would remove the Collegiate School from Saybrook there were 6 for N Haven. 3 If the Trustees cannot act without meeting together 5 was the major part of them Conven'd. 4 That if the Trustees may act without a Convention then the majority is fully supply'd by the aboves<sup>d</sup>. subscription. Since the Cause of the Dissatisfaction is taken away tis Charitably hoped that the Effect will Cease.

The motives of the Settlement are not truly represented. Indeed if those were the only things that ought to have been Considered & were true they ought again to consider of the matter.

In reference to the Number of y<sup>e</sup> people Ought they not with the Conveniency of y<sup>e</sup> people to have some respect to the flourishing State of the Collegiate School? And is there not a prospect that the Western Governments who have no such meanes of Education among them should contribute more to the Advanceing the Intrest of the School than y<sup>e</sup> Eastern who are so wel furnished at home? Doth the Lesser Luminary of y<sup>e</sup> Heavens ever appear with so great a lustre as when she is furthest from the Sun unless the Interposition of the Earth Eclipse her Glory? And as to the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Government, are not the Greater Number of the principal Towns on the Sea Coast? And as to the Towns on the river, is it not easier for them to come down than for all the rest to go up? And as to the Travail is not N Haven much nearer the Center than Saybrook & very little further distant than any other place that could have been pitched upon?

As to the Money there is no such great Odds in the public List as is pretended to, most Certain it may be presumed, that

there is ~~much~~ ~~more~~ difference between the lists of the two western Counties and either of the other, than there is between the two other Counties put together & the western.

And farther if the money should weigh so heavy the Contributions ought not to be considered in which the western far exceeded, neither is it a fair Computation between three Competitors to wrekon two against one.

And as to the Number of Schollars its not so much to be considered what has been as what may be hereafter—these and other Circumstances were well weighed in the ballance by the Trustees settling the School at New Haven.

One thing more is alledged in Objection by the remonstrants which being Considered this paper may be dismissed to speak for it self.

It is the Act of the Trustees at Hartford. This Act is said to be made by the major part of the Trustees, who by Charter have power to act. Surely if the major part of the Trustees had power to Act then they have still; the proposal was that the Assembly should nominate y<sup>e</sup> place which implyeth that the Trustees shall settle it. They never intended a Settlement by any Other Authority than that by w<sup>ch</sup> it is now settled; the whole Society could not make such an Act, as should divest the majority of thier Authority; if this Act hath a tendency to make the Consent of all who have voices of Assent or Dissent necessary, or to render the Acts of the majority invalid, it is contrary to the nature & State of y<sup>e</sup> Society as appears by thier Charter, which is a private law to the Society, against which they are therein forbidden to make any Statute or Order. It is contrary to the law of all Societies, It is contrary to the Common Law of England, & directly contrary to the 33 Hen. Cap. 27 which saith that the Act of the more part of every College or Corporation within the realm and in every place shall bind, tho any should have sworn to the Contrary, y<sup>t</sup> all may act in one Conformity of reason.

It is not to be doubted but we as in duty bound have acted our Consciences in the matter of the settlement of y<sup>e</sup> Colle-

giate School according to the trust reposed in us and can any  
 Expect that we should Comply with a minority when others  
 will not comply with a Majority.

SAM<sup>LL</sup>. ANDREW

SAM<sup>LL</sup>. RUSSEL

N. Haven Feb. 22, 1716 [*i.e.*, 1716/17]

#### LIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 5, 1717

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

The vote asking Mr. Ruggles to find out "what may be  
 due on account of donations towards the School while at  
 Saybrook" refers to gifts and bequests conditioned on  
 the School's continuing in that place.

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Collegiate School  
 holden at New haven April the 5<sup>th</sup> 1717.

Present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messieurs

James Noyes	The Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr James
Samuel Andrew	Noyes is chosen & ap-
Samuel Russel	pointed Moderator of
Joseph Webb	this present Meeting.
John Davenport	The Reverend Mr John
Thomas Ruggles	Davenport is chosen &
Stephen Buckingham	appointed Scribe of
	this present meeting

Whereas there was a meeting of the Trustees of the  
 Collegiate School by adjournment from Saybrook  
 Sep<sup>r</sup> 12. 1716 holden at N Haven October 17. 1716  
 whereat were present 8 Trustees to Say the Reverend  
 Moses Noyes, Samuel Andrew, Timo Woodbridg,  
 Samuel Russell, Joseph Webb, John Davenport,  
 Thomas Buckingham, Thomas Ruggles, at which

meeting many Acts or Votes or Conclusions were past fully and positively by five of the Trustees then Convened Consenting, and the acts of s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting were offered to the perusal of the Reverend James Noyes, which that Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentleman & Trustee did fully approve of, & fully & freely consent unto & Signed with his own hand Decemb. 19. 1716 The Trustees Convened at this present meeting have looked over all the doings of s<sup>d</sup>. October meeting, and having duly perused them do establish all the determinations of s<sup>d</sup>. October meeting that now follow, having retained an Unchanged Judgment concerning all the Subsequent determinations from the time of their having respectively Consented to them untill now. viz.

- No. 3 Question. Whether Considering the Difficulties of Continuing the Collegiate School of Conecticut Colony at Saybrook appearing to us, We the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. School agree that the said Collegiate School be now removed from Saybrook to New-haven, & that the said Collegiate School be Settled at New haven, as a Very Convenient place for it, and for which the Most Liberal Donations are given, appearing to us, as well as on many other Considerations, and It is now Settled at New haven accordingly? The Question Resolved & Voted in the Affirmative.
- No. 5 Whether the Trustees here convened do judg it Convenient that application be made by s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees to the General Assembly to Nominate the place of the Collegiate School of this Colony, when the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees on this present meeting in the faithful Discharg of the Trust reposed in them, and in Exerting of the power conveyed to them by the Act for s<sup>d</sup>. School have already settled the s<sup>d</sup>. School at New-haven? The Question Resolved by Vote in the Negative.
- No. 7 Whether we approve Sir Johnson of Guilford for a Tutor of the Collegiate School? Resolved in the affirmative.

- No. 15 We agree that Sir Johnson be a Tutor of the Collegiate School & Choose him Accordingly.
- No. 16 Sir Johnson appearing before the Trustees did accept of the place of a Tutor of the Collegiate School, whereunto he is chosen.
- No. 9 Whether we agree that the Building of a Collegiate School & also the house for a Rector in New haven be undertaken with all Convenient Speed? Resolved & Voted in the affirmative.
- No. 10 Whether the hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> with our Deputy Governo<sup>r</sup> be Intreated to favour us w<sup>th</sup> their advice concerning the Architechtonick part of the buildings of the Collegiate house & the Rector<sup>s</sup> house? Voted in the affirmative.
- No. 13 We agree that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew of Milford be the Rector of the Collegiate School for the present, & untill a Setled Rector be fixed in the School (which we will endeavour with all Convenient speed) often to visit & inspect the said School.  
The trustees nominate & chose Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Smith to be a Tutor at ye Collegiate & in case of M<sup>r</sup> Smith's non acceptance of sd office it is agreed—
- No. 20 We agree, in case of M<sup>r</sup> Smith his not accepting the place of Tutor, whereunto he is chosen, that then the Rector with any two of the Trustees besides, have power to supply the place of a Tutor, untill the next meeting of the Trustees.
- No. 21 We agree that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles be the Committee of the Trustees, to inspect, order & direct the Buildings aforesd of the Collegiate house & the Rector<sup>s</sup> house at New Haven.
- No. 22 We further agree, that a Major part of said Trustees Committee shall have a power to act in Rotation to said Buildings.
- No. 24 We agree, that M<sup>r</sup> Warham Mather, Capt. Joseph Whiting & M<sup>r</sup> John Punderson Junio<sup>r</sup> all of New

haven be & hereby are appointed a Committee, together with M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Law of Milford & Capt. John hall of Wallingford, who are desired to give also their assistance as often as they may with Convenience, to have the Oversight & Ordering of the Buildings for the Collegiate School, & the Rector with all Convenient Speed, according to the advice & Directions from time to time given by the Committee of the Trustees appointed by this meeting.

No. 25 We agree, that M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, and M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles shall attend a quarterly Visitation of the Collegiate School Each of them, wherein a Sermon is designed to be delivered to the Students, by the Visitants in their Respective times.

No. 32 We agree that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham be chosen a Trustee of the Collegiate School.

All the above Numbers appearing in the memoirs of the meeting last October, transcribed out of sd memoirs upon a just Review & perusal of them the Trustees of this present meeting who have signed the doings of sd. Octobr. meeting do now sign all the above Acts . . . . .

New haven April 5. 1717

JAMES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THOMAS RUGGLES

The Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham who was chosen a Trustee of the Collegiate School at the adjourned meeting of October Last by a full vote, personally appeared, and accepted the place of a Trustee (whereunto he was Chosen), on this meeting.

The Trustees here convened agree & order that the Reverend

Mr Ruggles be Impowered and Intreated to make inquiry what may be due from the Trustees on account of Donations tow<sup>ds</sup> the Collegiate School while at Saybrook, & to represent as particular an Account as he may obtain to the Trustees in order to their observing Justice in that matter, as also to take care of the Library of the Collegiate School, which library is at Saybrook. Voted fully in ye affirmative.

Whereas there was an Act or Agreement of the Trustees of the tenor as followeth. viz. The Reverend Samuel Andrew, Samuel Russell, Joseph Webb John Davenport, & Thomas Ruggles having (by act of the Trustees at New-haven on October 17<sup>th</sup> 1716) been chosen a Committee of the Trustees of the Collegiate School, to inspect, order, & direct the building the Collegiate house & the Rector<sup>s</sup> house at New Haven— We Subscribed do hereby give them sd Com<sup>m</sup>ittee or the Major part of them, full power to draw forth of the School Treasury from time to time untill farther order of the Trustees Such Sums of money as Shall be needfull for their carrying on of s<sup>d</sup>. Buildings, or any charges that may arise thereon.

Stonington Decemb <sup>r</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 1716	{ JAMES NOYES SAMUEL RUSSEL
New haven Decem. 27. 1716	{ SAMUEL ANDREW THO. RUGGLES
Fairfield Dec <sup>r</sup> 28. 1716	JOSEPH WEBB
Stamford Dec <sup>r</sup> 29. 1716	JOHN DAVENPORT

The Trustees here convened do Confirm & fully Consent unto the sd Act or agreement afores<sup>d</sup>. Voted fully in the affirmative

The Trustees by a full vote approve of the Seventeen pounds money paid to Sir Johnson, being the first payment paid to him Sir Johnson as Tutor out of the Treasury of the Collegiate School by ord<sup>r</sup> of the Rector<sup>r</sup> & Sundry Trustees. Voted fully in the affirmative



The Trustees ~~here~~ Convened do by a full Vote approve of the doings of Several Trustees even an ord<sup>r</sup> of this Tenor viz  
New haven March 28. 1717 To Mr. Joseph Noyes of New Haven

These are to ord<sup>r</sup> you to receive of M<sup>rs</sup>. Susanna Alling, Relict of the Late Worshipfull Treasurer of the Collegiate School in Bills of Credit four hundred fifteen pounds more twenty pounds one shilling, also the Collegiate Treasury book, also many papers delivered in order to be examined & if any belong to another affair to be returned with a pillow case

SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
JOHN DAVENPORT  
THOMAS RUGGLES

Voted fully in the affirmative

The Trustees here convened by a full vote agree, that the Lot commonly called M<sup>rs</sup> Costers Lot Situate in New-Haven, nearly adjoining to the burying place or market place be the place of the building for the Collegiate School only upon these conditions certainly observed, that the obtaining said Lott for the End aforesd be no diminution at all of the treasury of the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School, nor lessen any thing of the Donations Subscribed or engaged on the account of s<sup>d</sup>. School for Newhaven offered to the Trustees convened at Newhaven on October last. Voted fully in the affirmative

The Trustees here convened do also by a full vote agree that Capt. Samuel Thompson & M<sup>r</sup> William Thompson both of New-Haven be appointed & impowered, and they are hereby impowered & appointed to obtain s<sup>d</sup>. Lot on terms consistent with the agreement immediately foregoing by a firm Sufficient and Legal Instrument of Conveyance from the Church of Newhaven-Town, or the Legal Representative or Representatives thereof to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel both Trustees on the behalf of the Trustees of the

Collegiate School Settled at New Haven. Voted fully in the affirmative.

The Trustees here convened by vote agree, that In the Room of the Worshipful John Alling Esq., Late Treasurer of the Collegiate School, dec<sup>d</sup>, Succeed M<sup>r</sup> John Prout Junio<sup>r</sup> of Newhaven, who is hereby made choice of for the Treasurer of the Collegiate School in NHaven. Voted fully in the affirmative.

M<sup>r</sup> John Prout Junio<sup>r</sup> of Newhaven appeared personally before the Trustees here convened, & declared his willing acceptance of the place of the Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Newhaven

All the above memoirs Acts Votes and Conclusions were entred, passed, & Concluded by the Joynt Concurrence & unitedly full Consent of the Trustees here Convened and Subscribing

JAMES NOYES.  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
JOHN DAVENPORT  
THO. RUGGLES

The Trustees here convened by vote agree that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel for his Journey with a man & charges to Stonington be allowed two pounds eight shill money to be deduced from his donation in the Colleg. School at NHaven. Voted in the affirmative.

The Trustees here convened by vote agree, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Davenport for his three Journeys and attendants be allowed five pounds money, & the Treasurer M<sup>r</sup> Prout is hereby ord<sup>d</sup>ed to make payment of s<sup>d</sup>. Sum to s<sup>d</sup>. Davenport or ord<sup>r</sup> as soon as it is in the Treasury. Voted in the affirmative.

The Trustees here convened by vote agree that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Russel & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles or either of them do receive from the Treasurer so soon as he may receive the same, Such Summ

and ~~Summs of moneys as~~ Shalbe a Reasonable Satisfaction for the Posts Improved & needed on account of this meeting & the Treasurer is hereby ordered to do accordingly, and the said Receiver or Receivers to make payment as proper. Voted in the affirmative.

The Trustees here convened by vote agree that Mr Prout the Treasurer be ordered to receive the Donation of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Joseph Noyes, amounting to twenty pounds, and having received the same, forthwith to make payment of the Whole s<sup>d</sup>. Sum to s<sup>d</sup>. Mr Noyes for his half years Service & tuition and Entertaining the Trustees at their Several meetings Voted in the affirmative.

These Votes all Signed per the Trustees

JAMES NOYES  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
JOHN DAVENPORT  
THO: RUGGLES

LIV. MEMORIAL TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

May, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

In the handwriting of Mr. Woodbridge.

To the Honourable Govern<sup>r</sup>, Council & Representatives in Generall court assembled May 9<sup>th</sup>. 1717 A Memorial Respecting the State of the Collegiate School.

In April 1716 there was a Meeting of the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School att Saybrooke, & Scholars were then under great Dissatisfaction with their Tutors. Many things were Proposed in order to y<sup>e</sup> Quieting of y<sup>e</sup> scholars, and En-

deavours used to bring them to a Compliance with them, y<sup>t</sup> so they might have continued together at Saybrooke but they could not be Prevailed with, and what was offered to them did not Remove y<sup>e</sup> difficulties. Att length it was Proposed to choose a 3<sup>d</sup>. Tutor which was complyed with by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees, y<sup>n</sup> as a matter of satisfaction to y<sup>e</sup> scholars it was Proposed by us y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> dissatisfyed Scholars might be under y<sup>e</sup> care and Instruction of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Tutor & if it could have been gained y<sup>r</sup> was a Probability of y<sup>e</sup> Scholars continuing att Saybrooke, and although we Laboured in it, it was refused by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. This being y<sup>e</sup> last likely remedy, & not attaining, y<sup>e</sup> School was soon reduced, y<sup>e</sup> greater part of y<sup>e</sup> Scholars leaving of it and many of y<sup>e</sup> Parents as well as themselves unwilling y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> should return thither again. Of this broken Estate of y<sup>e</sup> School we made a Representation to this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly in May last Praying y<sup>t</sup> some place might be Fixed for its continuance and some farther Care might be taken for its Support. Our Petition was accepted by this Honourable Assembly, and y<sup>e</sup> other Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School sent for. Six of us met, y<sup>e</sup> major part of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees then alive and y<sup>t</sup> number according to our Charter was Sufficient to Determine any Act proper to them: We then came to an amicable agreement, and brought our selves under obligations & concluded a contract on these conditions y<sup>t</sup> we y<sup>t</sup> had applyed our selves to y<sup>e</sup> Generall Assembly should leave any farther prosecution of obtaining y<sup>e</sup> determining y<sup>e</sup> Place of y<sup>e</sup> School till y<sup>e</sup> commencement which we agreed should be held att Saybrook y<sup>e</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> following, and y<sup>t</sup> then y<sup>e</sup> Trustees y<sup>t</sup> met should determine y<sup>e</sup> place of y<sup>e</sup> School & it was on y<sup>e</sup> other hand agreed y<sup>t</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> Trustees then Present should not agree universally to y<sup>e</sup> Place, y<sup>t</sup> then it should be Referred to y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly in October following, to nominate y<sup>e</sup> Place: So y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. is a plain contract y<sup>t</sup> those Trustees y<sup>t</sup> Entred into it and oblig'd themselves by it can not Possibly by any act of their own Violate it without y<sup>e</sup> Concurrence of those on whom y<sup>e</sup> Conditions did Equally lye & y<sup>e</sup> concessions belongd to. [2] there is herein no Invading any right or

Priviledge by charter granted to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees seeing y<sup>e</sup> nominating y<sup>e</sup> Place is only desired of y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly and y<sup>e</sup> Power still Remaining in them, to fix it. [3] Neither is y<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> least invasion made upon y<sup>t</sup>. common right of societies by an Endeavour to Enable a minor part to overrule y<sup>e</sup> major, seeing all y<sup>t</sup>. was agreed to by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees in May last was y<sup>t</sup>. if y<sup>r</sup>. was not a universall agreement att Saybrooke, y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly should be advised with either to concur with y<sup>e</sup>. Settlement y<sup>e</sup> major part of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees should have made, or to nominate to y<sup>m</sup>. a more convenient Place: and indeed if y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned contract had not been made, it had not been any thing beside y<sup>e</sup> duty of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to have informed y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly with y<sup>e</sup> Place they had agreed to & to have given y<sup>e</sup> Reasons for it they knowing y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. was a great dissatisfaction in y<sup>e</sup> Government att y<sup>t</sup>. time with y<sup>e</sup> Schools continuing att Saybrook. And as to y<sup>e</sup> act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees att New haven in Octobr. last for very Just Reasons we did not concur with others for Settling y<sup>e</sup> School att N:H nor can wee look upon our selves obliged by it, it being done by five of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees y<sup>r</sup>. being ten in all, two absent & three dissenting. When those five had agreed y<sup>t</sup>. N:haven should be y<sup>e</sup> Place of Settlement for y<sup>e</sup> School and had passed by Vote y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Case of y<sup>e</sup> School should not be laid before y<sup>e</sup> court wee Waited upon y<sup>e</sup> Court and Informed them w<sup>t</sup>. our agreement was & w<sup>t</sup>. was done by y<sup>e</sup> other Trustees then met and y<sup>t</sup>. three of us Dissented from it and Prayed y<sup>e</sup> Interposition of y<sup>e</sup> General Assembly y<sup>t</sup>. a Place so inconvenient to y<sup>e</sup> greatest part of y<sup>e</sup> Government might not be y<sup>e</sup> Place of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School but y<sup>t</sup>. they would direct y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to what was more Equall and Just, w<sup>c</sup>. is now our Earnest Desire. And after y<sup>e</sup> last Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees att Newhaven in April last as we are informed 6 of Eleven subscribed to it. Of one of them we have this to object y<sup>t</sup>. he was under 40 years of age when appointed or chosen to y<sup>t</sup>. Trust, w<sup>c</sup>. is directly inconsistant with our Charter w<sup>c</sup>. says no Person shall be Elected to y<sup>e</sup> Place of a Trustee under 40 years old: Upon y<sup>e</sup> whole we conclude [1]

y<sup>t</sup> we cannot in faithfulness to our trust consent to y<sup>e</sup> Settling of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School att Newhaven, it being so Inconvenient to y<sup>e</sup> Greater Part of y<sup>e</sup> Government & dissatisfying to them. [2] y<sup>t</sup> we are no ways obliged to Submit to y<sup>e</sup> act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees in Settling y<sup>e</sup> School att N:haven, not more than an Equal part consenting to it. [3] Upon a disagreement among y<sup>e</sup> Trustees tis by their own act Referred to this Hon<sup>l</sup> Assembly to nominate a Place; & these things render it necessary y<sup>t</sup> this Assembly take notice of it. [1] If they should not it will be left as matter of grievous Contention in y<sup>e</sup> Government and will be Encreasing. [2] Without an Act of this Assembly the yearly Salary cannot be demanded of y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer it being by an act of y<sup>e</sup> Assembly appropriated to Saybrook. [3] y<sup>e</sup> Determination of this court will put an End to the Controversy. Lastly, we Pray y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> last Years Salary given by this court for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> Tutors be granted by an act of this Assembly to be divided amongst y<sup>e</sup> severall Tutors in proportion to y<sup>e</sup> number of Scholars they had under their care. And your memorialists shall as in duty bound Pray &c.

T: WOODBRIDGE

THO. BUCKINGHAM

Finding by Sad Experience y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>t</sup> hath been done towards y<sup>e</sup> Removing y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School from Saybrook to New haven hath occasioned greater dissatisfaction among y<sup>e</sup> Scholars and y<sup>r</sup> Parents than they ever manifested against its being att Saybrook, so y<sup>t</sup> I Despair of its being Settled in Newhaven in peace, I concur with my Brethren y<sup>e</sup> Trustees att Hartford in desiring y<sup>e</sup> Honourable Court whom we must acknowledge thankfully as our founders & supporters y<sup>t</sup> they would please to nominate a Place where it may be Settled with Righteousness & with Peace.

MOSES NOYES.

LVI. ~~RESOLVES OF THE~~ LOWER HOUSE OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

May 21-27, 1717

[From the original *Journals*, in the Secretary of State's office]

The *Journals* of the Upper House for this session are not preserved.

A Resolve of this house, that the R<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of the Collegiate Schoole be sent to, for to giue their attendance at this assembly to lay before them the circumstances of s<sup>d</sup>. Schoole, that proper measures may be taken for the best Regulation of s<sup>d</sup>. Schoole, sent up for concurrence [to the Upper House].

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the Resolve of this house Referring to sending for the trustees Returned from the Board [*i.e.*, the Upper House] negatived.

a Resolve of this house that it may be most for publick Good and the health of the collegiate Schoole to haue it settled in sum place at, or neare Connecticut Riuer, and as the oppinion of the house Recommended to the R<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, and upon a good Settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Schoole the Assembly will be like to fauour it.

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Resolved by this assembly that in Leuie of the 120<sup>lb</sup> in pay formerly granted by this Court for the Encouragement of the collegiate Schoole and to be drawn out of the publick treasury there shall be this currant yeare one hundred pound in bills of publick cre<sup>t</sup>. distributed among the tutors in proportion according to the number of Schollars (as well those at Wethersfield, & Newhauen, as those at Saybrook) taught by them

Resolved that for the future there shall not be any money drawn out of the Treasury for the s<sup>d</sup>. Schoole (excepting the aboue s<sup>d</sup>. 100<sup>d</sup>) untill such time as the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate Schoole be settled in sum place agreeable to the minde of this assembly.

LVII. LETTER OF GURDON SALTONSTALL

June 6, 1717

[From the heliotype copy in the *Ancestry and Descendants of Sir Richard Saltonstall*, p. 210. Cambridge, 1897]

This letter of the Governor of the Colony was addressed to the Senior Trustee, the Rev. James Noyes, of Stonington.

N Lond. June. 6. 1717

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Dear Sr.

I have your kind Letter of y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. Instant, by your Son, and am much obliged to you for It. There was nothing concluded by y<sup>e</sup> Court about the Colledge. for my own part I did not intermeddle, but the Upper House had severall debates upon the Bills about the Colledge w<sup>c</sup> came up from the Lower House, w<sup>c</sup> were but two. (if there were more they died where they had their Originall & came not up to Us.)

Four of the Gentlemen of y<sup>e</sup> Assistants y<sup>t</sup>. live upon the Shore, Viz M<sup>r</sup>. Christophers, M<sup>r</sup>. Curtice, Maj<sup>r</sup>. Eells, & Capt Fowler, were absent when y<sup>e</sup> Matter was put to Voat in y<sup>e</sup> Upper House, and yet It was not carried in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative. So y<sup>t</sup>. I think y<sup>e</sup> Majority of that House, will be unwilling to oppose y<sup>e</sup> Management of the Trustees. While they tell me a Majority of y<sup>e</sup> Lower House, inclined to have the Colledge built at Saybrook. I had a good Correspondence with M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbridge, who, as I came out of town, moved me to desire a Meeting of the Trustees; I told him I could not think It would be of good Consequence for such a Motion to begin



with Me, but If He would move, I would give It w<sup>t</sup> Favour I might; and offered him If He would write to take Care of a Lett<sup>r</sup>. to You, Who would probably discourse with Me about It. But He declind; This is all the Account I am able to give You. And for my own part, I find my self easily acquiescing in the Prudence of the Trustees, and Shall be always so persuaded of It, as not to insert my Self into their Affairs, till I see further Reason for It.

I am, Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sr., Y<sup>r</sup>. most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
I bless God You are recovered from y<sup>r</sup>. late Indisposition.

G. SALTONSTALL.

### LVIII. CALL FOR A TRUSTEE-MEETING

July 10-18, 1717

[From the University Archives]

The usual time for the Commencement y<sup>e</sup> currant year drawing near, & the Trustees having settled an Annual meeting on each Commencement: We give notice to all y<sup>e</sup> Trustees, (y<sup>t</sup> the Collegiate school being by Act of Trustees Settled at Newhaven) the next Commencement is appointed there to be on the 2<sup>d</sup>. Wednesday in Septemb<sup>r</sup>. next, and we do desire the Trustees not to faile attending s<sup>d</sup>. meeting then to consult the promoting the relief of y<sup>e</sup> school from its present difficulties.

Signed in Milford July 10<sup>th</sup>. 1717 by us.

SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB

Althô it seems to me, by a natural & necessary Resultance the Collegiate School being settled regularly at N Haven, & the Education of the Students there also determined & provided for that the Same place is at the Same time appointed the Seat of the Collation of Collegiate honours, yet if there be

indeed need of a more Explicite determination thereof, I fully consent and agree, that at N Haven where the s<sup>d</sup>. School is settled & there only Collegiate preferments on well-meriting Students be publickly pronounced & I agree to a full meeting there on the time above notified appearing to answer the Occasions of s<sup>d</sup>. School.

Signed in Stamford July 18<sup>th</sup>. 1717 per me

JN<sup>o</sup>. DAVENPORT.

LIX. LETTER OF SAMUEL ANDREW

July 23, 1717

[From the University Archives]

As the contents show, this was addressed by the Rector to Tutor Samuel Johnson, of the class of 1714, at New Haven. Joseph Noyes, of the class of 1709, son of the Rev. James Noyes, the Senior Trustee, had been ordained pastor of the church in New Haven in July, 1716.

Worthy Sr.

Having received two Letters from yourselfe about your Classe's takeing their second degree this Commencement, I could not speedily answer to the first, whether there would be any such time, or when or where it would be, if there was any such thing; as to the other inquiry, whether it would be expedient for any of yourselves to seek a second degree at such a time, it was not meet for me to direct in that matter; your own inclination to it must guide and direct you; the place where the Commencement may be, can be no discouragement to some, and I know not why it should be to any, seeing New Haven cant be Judged inferior to Saybrook, unless because the Last's being the birth place of some should give it the preheminance in their Judgment; but it seemed most probable to me, that my possible concernment in the matter might be the greatest discouragement together with the unsettled

state of the school, and the great opposition against New Haven; as to myselfe, I have Laboured with the Trustees, that a more sutable person might be improved to give degrees, not being ambitious either of the Honour or advantage, and should have absolutely refused, if it had not been such a time; wherein differences among ourselves might have blasted our present design; 'tis something difficult for me to offer Questions, which have not been formerly disputed, but I shall offer the inclosed to yourselves, from which you may choose such as are best pleasing, which have not been Lately debated according to the best of your remembrance; for my memory is too brittle to keep Long in mind things of such a nature, being concerned with greater matters; with all due regards to the Rev'd Mr. Noyes and yourselfe, praying that the onely wise God would bless your Labours for the advancement of religion and Learning among the students in the Collegiate school at New Haven, I am, Worthy Sr.

Your very humble servant

SAMUEL ANDREW

Milford, July 23, 1717.

LX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 11-13, 1717

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at New haven. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1717

Present	The Rev <sup>rd</sup> .	{	James Noyes
			Samuel Andrew
			Samuel Russel
			Joseph Webb
			John Davenport
			Thomas Ruggles
			Stephen Buckingham.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Noyes was Chosen Moderator of this Meeting. Samuel Russel was chosen Scribe.

Agreed & Voted that on this our Reccord appear that y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles of Guilford, hath been realy & actually associated to the Collegiate Trustees for divers yeares past within which time he hath, diligently, industriously and to y<sup>e</sup> advantage of y<sup>e</sup> School, together w<sup>th</sup> other Trustees attended, almost every of their Meetings, w<sup>th</sup>out y<sup>e</sup> Least dissatisfaction declared, or that might be suspected concerning any of the Trustees which did meet at any of s<sup>d</sup>. Meetings, & that we have so accounted constantly concerning s<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles to have been an associated Trustee, most of us for divers years afores<sup>d</sup>, & y<sup>e</sup> rest of us, on such time or times, as we have attended such meetings, & that we all account him a worthy Trustee & Associate, Wee signify by the Subscription of our hands.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1717.

JAMES NOYES  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
JOHN DAVENPORT  
STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

Agreed & Ordered that w<sup>t</sup> Bills of debt M<sup>r</sup> Caner shal bring Signed, or allowed by M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, or M<sup>r</sup> Russel, the Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School M<sup>r</sup> John Prout, shal & is hereby impowered to make payment of. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative.

Agreed & voted y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, w<sup>th</sup> any two of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees Signing a warning for a meeting of the Trustees, w<sup>th</sup> the time & place, shal be Sufficent warning for such Meetings. Voted in the Affirmative.

Agreed & Voted that all & every the Acts votes & conclusions passed & Consented to on the Meeting of the Trustees holden at Newhaven Apr<sup>l</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> 1717. having been duely read, & considered at this present Meeting are all & every of them

approved & confirmed by the full consent of the Trustees subscribing this 13<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1717.

JAMES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THOMAS RUGGLES

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer pay to M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Johnson Tutor y<sup>e</sup> Sum of twenty and three pounds, being y<sup>e</sup> whole due to him for his service y<sup>e</sup> year past.

Agreed & voted that the Rector of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Newhaven with any two of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees have power to Supply y<sup>e</sup> School with a Tutor, as need doth, or shal require, until y<sup>e</sup> next meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative.

Agreed & voted, that any Summ or Summs of Money unto three hundred pounds be drawn out of the Treasury of the Collegiate School at Such time or times as may be judged necessary for the defraying of the Charges of the Collegiate house & a Note from the hand of the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Andrew or M<sup>r</sup> Russel to the Collegiate Treasurer Shalbe a Sufficient warrant for s<sup>d</sup>. Treasurer to deliver out any s<sup>d</sup>. Summ or Summs as aforesaid to M<sup>r</sup>. Mather Cap<sup>t</sup>. Whiting & M<sup>r</sup> Punderson Committee upon their demand. Voted in the affirmative

All the Acts, Orders & Resolutions of this Meeting are by full order of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees Attested.

per me SAMUEL RUSSEL Scribe.

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LXI. MEMORANDA IN BEHALF OF THE RETENTION OF  
THE SCHOOL AT SAYBROOK

[From the original in the State Library]

These notes, in the handwriting of Justice Daniel Buckingham, of Saybrook, are found on the back of his copy of an extract from the Records of the Trustees for April 3, 1716, made on October 3, 1717, and given above.

Amongst the Matters of fact Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Establishment of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Say-brook It may well Be Considered: y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Settlement there was made in a way of Covenant with y<sup>e</sup> donors & People There And that it is so, please to see Mr. Lynde his Large Donation By deed Conditioned that y<sup>e</sup> School Be and Remain at all Times to be at Saybrook: and as to perticuler personal donations Please to Juge of Major Jn<sup>o</sup>. Clarke & Justice Dan<sup>l</sup>. Buckingham. These donations were Recieved By y<sup>e</sup> Trustees in manner & forme and Improved to y<sup>e</sup> Schools use. Now a Covenant is a mutual agreement between certain Partyes upon Conditions and These conditions Being Performed By one and accepted by y<sup>e</sup> other: thence y<sup>e</sup> party so Recieving is Become Bound and Cannot be discharged By any act of his own But is a covenant Breaker without fulfillment on his part or Release on y<sup>e</sup> others part and this is y<sup>e</sup> very Case which still Renders it more Impracticable to Remoue y<sup>e</sup> School from Say-brook

Principal money with Interest Being Returned Don<sup>t</sup>. fulfill y<sup>e</sup> Covenant for it don<sup>t</sup>. answer The End and designe of the donation and so don't Discharge and acquit from wrong and Injustice.

Some men By Their Last wills made Bequests to y<sup>e</sup> School Leauing the fulfillment to some one of their sonns making his part of y<sup>e</sup> Estate Proportionably Bigger, in which Case y<sup>e</sup> Refunding of such donation cannot Be made to y<sup>e</sup> Equal Benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Coheirs But a wrong is done irreparable.

Observe y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> within acts are done by Eight of y<sup>e</sup> trustees, whose vnanimous and Joynt act Implies their Confirmation of y<sup>e</sup> act already shewen Relating to the Settlement.

Observe that M<sup>r</sup>. James Noyes is allowed to act Seperately To Remoue y<sup>e</sup> School to Newhaven But M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Mather Rather than he Shall act Seperately is Excluded acting at all.

## LXII. AN OPINION ON THE REMOVAL OF THE SCHOOL FROM SAYBROOK

[From the original in the State Library]

In the handwriting of Justice Daniel Buckingham; probably written to influence the General Assembly in October, 1717.

To what has bin offered touching y<sup>e</sup> Remoual of the Collegiate School from Say-brook to N: Haven I desire vnder Correction humbly to add my opinion: which is Breifely contained in this one proposition viz y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School having bin once Regularly setled at Say-brook, & consonant to y<sup>e</sup> Sacred Ends thereof Became a Locall fixed Thing and not to be Remoued thence By any act of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees Justifyable by their Charter.

That y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School has Bin fixed at Say-brook: See diverse acts viz an act made at Say-brook Nouember 11: 1701, also an act made at Kennelworth Sep<sup>t</sup>. 30 1702 and an act made at Say-brook Sep<sup>t</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>. 1715:

That y<sup>e</sup> Settlement so made was Regular see the Majority of ye Trustees signing the acts.

that y<sup>e</sup> Settlement so made, was consonant to its sacred Ends See y<sup>e</sup> opinion of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees in y<sup>e</sup> act of Nouember 11: 1701 In which act there was a proviso for other considerations y<sup>t</sup>. Possibly might occur and offer themselves, and without which y<sup>e</sup> act was Positive and absolute. Obserue y<sup>t</sup>. no other Considerations did offer them Selves and for this see y<sup>e</sup> two other acts so y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> act Becomes absolute.

Now y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> School so setled Becomes Local and not moue-

able By y<sup>e</sup> Trustees is Euident if we consider y<sup>t</sup> this Being done the Sacred End and designe is obtained so far as it Relates to Settlement: and nothing now Remains to Be done But to maintaine &c And so far as y<sup>e</sup> End and designe is obtained the trustees Comision is fulfilled, their worke done & their Power ended. Secondly please to consider y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Power of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees is Restrained to doing: and not Inlarged and Extended to, vndoing and destroying what is once well done: But what is it to mone from place to place a School once well settled But to pull down and destroy as well as to build & to plant. further, Please to consider y<sup>t</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> Trustees by Charter may once move y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School Because they think fit Being once Setled as afores<sup>d</sup>, then doubtless they may proceed to do it as many Times, and to as many places as they shall think fit. Which if we suppose, it then follows Either first that they have power to command y<sup>e</sup> Colonyes Purse for its Carrying on and Support, Which is contrary to common Justice and Repugnant to our common Charter Right and priueledge, So y<sup>t</sup> this assembly could not Grant them such power, for all the acts of this Court y<sup>t</sup> are not calculated for ye common Good of y<sup>e</sup> Colony But contrary thervnto are void in them selves and ought to Be declared so. or Secondly it follows that the Colony Taking Exception against such vireasonable Removal may withhold any further publick donations, and Then what is Like to Become of the School. Surely Tis Like to Languish to death vnless thirdly we suppose that vpon such Removals from Time to Time it shall be supported By private donations & contributions, which is as much as to say y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Trustees By Charter have Power to setle a Collegiate School according to y<sup>e</sup> sacred Ends thereof and therin to Improue Both Publick and private donations, and this Being well done to y<sup>e</sup> answering y<sup>e</sup> Expectations of all both Publick and private, and then may also at their pleasure set same to sale vnto such persons or places as will give most money for it, All which is so far Repugnant to Sence, Reason, Common Right and Justice y<sup>t</sup> if it were in their Charter it were void.



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LXIII. ORDERS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, RESPECTING A HEARING OF THE TRUSTEES

October 12-15, 1717

[From the original *Journals*, in the Secretary of State's office, and other original papers in the State Library]

It should be stated that it is difficult to determine the exact order of all the documents presented at this session of the General Court, though many can be dated from the *Journals*.

Whereas Sev<sup>rl</sup>. of the Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Trustees for the Collegiate School Lately set up in this Government at Saybrook Did, at the Sessions of This Court on the 9<sup>th</sup>. of May 1717, Inform this House that they Were Dissatisfied w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Conduct of the other Trustees in Appointing & in such Manner Ordering the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School to be Removed from Saybrook to N. Haven, it being Inconsistent as they alledge with their Charter, & with their Just & Lawfull Agreements, as Well as with the Publick Interest, & Peace of this Government, as by their Memoriall does at large appear, and Wheras some Generall Resolves were hereupon made, which this House did then Justly Expect should be taken notice of by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, at Least so far, as not to have acted or ordered any thing In Opposition thereto without asking the Farther allowance or advice of this assembly, in a Matter of so great & Gen<sup>rl</sup>. Interest & Consequence, Which s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees have not Thought fit to Do,—Now the better to Understand what is farther to be Done in this Important Affair This House does Resolve & Order That the Trustees be Desired & directed to Come as Speedily as may be to This Assembly to Shew the Reasons of Their Late Proceedings and Particularly Why they or any of them Have Ordered a Collegiate School to be Built at New

Haven, without the Allowance or Knowledge of This Assembly.

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Passed In the Lower House

Test ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk.

Dissented to in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry:

The following substitute, with an accompanying Resolve, was passed by the Upper House:—

This House Observing that a considerable dissatisfaction has been Taken at the carrying on of the Collegiate School at New Haven and being desirous that all Endeavours for the Advancement of Learning might if possible be Universally acceptable Do therefore Order the Secry to write to the Severall Trustees of the School desiring them or as many of them as can with any Conveniency to meet at the s<sup>d</sup>. Town as soon as may be during our present Session, that from their Information concerning their proceedings in the said affair Wee may the better contribute to the procuring of that Generall Satisfaction Relating to so good a work which is so much to be desired.

Ordered that the Charge of their Travelling hither Sub-  
sistance here and Return home be defrayed out of the publick Treasury.

Resolved that Major Burr and Major Talcott carry a Mes-  
sage from the board to the Lower House with our proceeding upon this Bill Relating to the Trustees of the Collegiate School and shew them the ground Wee have gone upon in dissenting from that Bill, and what Wee have passed in Stead thereof whereby Wee hope Wee may in the most peaceable manner obtain that Opertunity with the Trustees which may be of Use to us in composing the dissatisfaction that has been taken at their proceedings.

This was accepted on the same day by the Lower House.

LXIV. [www.libtool.com.cn](http://www.libtool.com.cn) MESSAGE OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE TRUSTEES

October 22, 1717

[From the original, in the State Library]

This message was sent back by the Lower House, with a substitute, as appended, from the *Journal* of that House for the same day.

Major<sup>r</sup>. Burr and Major<sup>r</sup>. Talcott are appointed by this Board to Wait upon the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Ministers Trustees of the Collegiate School assembled in this Town with the following Message.

That this House taking Notice of great Exceptions alledged by severall persons, against their proceedings, in the manangement of the said School (pursuant to what they had undertaken by the grant of the Assembly) And particularly against their fixing the School at New Haven (By reason of which Exceptions many disorders have hapned, and great Contentions have been Occasioned) thought it proper,

That an Account of their proceedings in the said Undertaking should be Communicated to us, By which means Wee might be better able to Resolve on Sutable Methods, to Still the disquietments, that have arisen, and prevent such for the future.

It is therefore hereby Recommended to the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, that they Lay before us as Soon as may be a representation of their proceedings in Carrying on the Affairs of the said School, and Erecting an House for it, in the s<sup>d</sup>. Town, That from a View thereof Wee may give Such publick directions, as shall be found Needfull, and Take such Measures, as may be Necessary, for the preservation of Order and Peace.

Passed in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test H<sup>ez</sup>. WYLLYS Sec<sup>r</sup>.

A Bill sent to y<sup>e</sup> Upper House, appointing Maj<sup>r</sup>. Bur, & Maj<sup>r</sup>. Talcot, to Acquaint y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>a</sup>. Assembly having Taken Notice of y<sup>e</sup> Difficulties &c. w<sup>th</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Affair of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School is attended,— To recommend to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>7</sup> as soon as may be Lay before this Assembly a representation of y<sup>r</sup>. proceedings in carrying on y<sup>e</sup> Affairs of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School, & Erecting an House for it in N. Haven, &c.

LXV. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

October 22, 1717

[From the original in the State Library compared with the first draft, by the Senior Trustee, James Noyes, in the University Archives]

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Collegiate School in Newhauen in Connecticut in New England, relating to their vndertaking & proceeding therein.

We the vnderwritten Trustees of the s<sup>d</sup>. School, not a litle affected to heare that any dissatisfaction hath beene taken at our Proceedings in erecting the same, doe in this manner make them publick, in hopes that our so doing will give satisfaction to all that wish well to y<sup>t</sup>. good work vnder our Care.

Persuant to y<sup>e</sup> Charter or Grant whereby we were encouraged & fully & compleatly impowred to vndertake the erecting of a Collegiate School in some Conuenient place or places, as to us should seem meet, in the s<sup>d</sup>. Collonie, & soone after we had obtained that grant, thô we had not a stock sufficient for building a suitable house for the Students, Yet we had consideration of a suitable place for it, & agreed it would be best to erect it in some town on the sea side, not further eastward then Saybrook, or Westward then Newhauen,<sup>1</sup> & resolved that

<sup>1</sup> In the original draft this reads: "not further east then Connecticut riuer, or west then Stratford Riuer."

such students as offered themselves, should be received at Killingworth, vnder the care of the late Reur<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Person, whom we appointed Rect<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> was accordingly attended.

Some years after, the School was removed to Saybrook, where endeavours were used to erect an house for the s<sup>d</sup>. School, but we were obliged to desist for want of sufficient stock for such an vndertaking.

While the School was in these circumstances at Saybrook, an unhappie disention in the School occasioned the remoue of several Students, notw<sup>th</sup>standing all our endeauours to keepe them there. We hoped to redress this disorder by building an house for the students there, being encouraged to it by the generous Contributions of the Gouernment of the s<sup>d</sup>. Collony & of some particular persons w<sup>th</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup>. we concluded ourselues able to make a beginning in the work & accordingly resolved vpon it.

But soone after we met with unexpected opposition against settling the s<sup>d</sup>. School at Saybrook, w<sup>ch</sup> continuing (after we had vsed many endeauours to remoue it) we considered the state of that affaire, & at length (according to our discretion, the Rule of our doings mentioned in our Charter three several times) we pitched vpon Newhaven (w<sup>ch</sup>. is within the compass of the places agreed on at the first) to build an house in for the s<sup>d</sup>. School, where we haue raised one conuenient & capable of receiuing 40 Schollars, & hope to haue the same ready to receiue the students in a short time.

We were inducd to fix vpon Newhauen for the place of the School, from the conueniency of its situation, agreableness of the air & soile, the probability of prouiding w<sup>t</sup>. will be necessary for the subsistence of the Schollars as cheap or cheaper then at other places, together with many other weighty considerations, to us satisfying, wherunto may be added the largest sums by farr subscribed by particular Gentlemen for building an house for the School in the s<sup>d</sup>. Town, w<sup>ch</sup>. are appropriated by the doaners to that place, & without w<sup>ch</sup>. (notwithstanding the sum granted by the Collony) we could not go through with so chargeable a work.

We trust that this briefe account of our proceedings (so well known to seueral Gentlemen in the s<sup>d</sup>. Collony) will be thought satisfactorie by all impartial persons; & not only remoue w<sup>t</sup>. offences may have been taken at them, but invite the well-minded (after many **examples** w<sup>ch</sup>. we must always mention w<sup>th</sup>. Gratitude & hon<sup>r</sup>.) to favour this **Infant Nurserie of Learning**, w<sup>ch</sup>. by the blessing of heauen hath not proved vnfruitfull.

From our particular Acquaintance with the passages afore mentioned, or from Satisfaction received from Records, or other good Information of some of our selues, we have suffixed our names, Dated in Newhaven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 22<sup>d</sup>. 1717.

Yo<sup>r</sup>. most Dutiful & most Obedient Servants.

JAMES NOYES	} Trustees & Associates of the said Collegiate School
SAMUEL ANDREW	
SAMUEL RUSSEL	
JOSEPH WEBB	
JOHN DAVENPORT	
THOMAS RUGGLES	

LXVI. OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS BY TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE AND THOMAS BUCKINGHAM ON THE ACTS OF THE TRUSTEES IN OCTOBER, 1716, AND APRIL AND SEPTEMBER, 1717

Submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly

October 22-23, 1717

[From the original, in the State Library]

Some Observations on y<sup>e</sup> following Acts & Resolves Shewing y<sup>e</sup> invalidity of them.

The action of the Meeting of October 17, 1716, on Question 3, settling the School at New Haven, is quoted. Then follows:

Observation. The Reasons on w<sup>ch</sup>. we deny this act to be legal & valid are, that when it was passed there were at least nine Trustees in Being (as may appear by y<sup>r</sup>. names here mentioned) and but four of them concurring in it at that time, Mr. Ruggles being excluded out of that number by not being legally chosen. As to Mr. James Noyes's consent to that act at such a distance and so long after we conceive it can be no confirmation of it.

The Trustees concurring in this act

The Rev <sup>d</sup> .	Mr. Samuel Andrew	}
	Mr. Samuel Russel	
	Mr. Joseph Webb	
	Mr. John Davenport.	

Trustees not concurring

The Rev <sup>d</sup> . Mrs.	Moses Noyes	}
	Samuel Mather	
	Timothy Woodbridge	
	Tho. Buckingham	

The action of April 5, 1717, on Question No. 3, re-affirming the action above named, is quoted. Then follows:

Remark) As to this Act it may be observed y<sup>t</sup> excepting y<sup>e</sup> person above excepted, there is only one half of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees before mentioned with y<sup>e</sup> new one added in October last Consenting to it.

Trustees Consenting	Trustees not Consenting
The Rev <sup>d</sup> . Mrs.	The Rev <sup>d</sup> .
James Noyes	Moses Noyes
Samuel Andrew	Samuel Mather
Samuel Russel	Timothy Woodbridge
Joseph Webb	Tho. Buckingham
John Davenport	Stephen Buckingham

The action of September 11, 1717, validating the election of the Rev. Thomas Ruggles, is quoted. Then follows:

Observation. With respect to this Act it may be observed that there is no new act by which M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles is Chosen and associated to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees but only a declaration of their judgment concerning him in there own Case. It may further be observed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Adams of Newlondon who was nominated & Chosen by a majority of ye Trustees y<sup>n</sup> present is denyed even by themselves to be one of their number merely on y<sup>e</sup> account of his not being fourty years old (as the Charter directs) at y<sup>e</sup> time of his Election, so far as we know.

The action of September 13, 1717, confirming the Acts of April 5, is quoted. Then follows:

Remark) The Same Observation may be here made as above viz. y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. is but a moiety of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees as before named Concurring in this Act.

It is a Question with us Whether a person Regularly Chosen a Trustee Ceaseth to be one without an act of his own and y<sup>e</sup> Trustees for his Removal, and Whether there be any provision made in the graunt of y<sup>e</sup> Court for such an Act, which with all above written is humbly submitted to y<sup>e</sup> Judgment of this honourable Assembly By

N. Haven Octobr 23 1717

Yo<sup>r</sup>. humble Servants

T: WOODBRIDGE

THO. BUCKINGHAM

I Moses Noyes desire to suspend my opinion concerning some things in these Answers particularly concerning the reverend M<sup>r</sup> Rugles, yet if opportunity be given I desire to offer some Plea in behalf of Saybrook.

LXVII. RESOLVES OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 23-24, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

Upon Consideration of the Memoriall presented to this board by the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbridge & M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Buck-



ingham **Containing** **Severall** Coppies of Records of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Collegiate School, with remarks upon them, whereby Exception is Taken to Severall Votes, passed by the said Trustees (by which they have fixed the s<sup>d</sup>. School at New Haven) as not being passed by the Majority of the said Trustees, and so not according to the power by Charter Lodged in the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees,

This House desirous to Compose the differences that have arisen upon those proceedings among the Trustees themselves, Have debated the Questions Controverted as Laid before us, by those remarks which are three; and resolved them as follows:

1. Whether the Trustees of the s<sup>d</sup>. School or the Major part of them, are in Order to their passing an Act in form according to Charter obliged to Convene. Grounded upon the remark that the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. James Noyes who Concurr<sup>d</sup>. to an Act passed by Severall of the Trustees thô he was not present with them (by which that act had the Concurrence of the Majority, and So is Supposed not to act Regularly), or according to the Charter, granted to the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees.

Resolved in the Negative.

2. Whether one of the Trustees by the providence of God deprived of the Exercise of Reason, and so Continuing, ought to be Esteemed as one Capable of Consenting to, or dissenting from any of the acts of the Trustees, so that he may be Esteemed as acting for or against any resolve, or doing, of the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees. Grounded on the Case of the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Mather.

Resolved in the Negative.

3. Whether a person althô Chosen before the age of 40 Years Yet after he was of the age of 40 Years Admitted & Associated by the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees to Joyn with them, in their actings as a Trustee, Ought to be Reckoned and Esteemed as a Trustee after he has been so associated, without any other formall choice. Grounded on the Case of the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Ruggles.

Resolved in the Affirmative.

It being Proposed

That the above Resolves be sent to the Lower House and that if the Lower House have no further Occasion to Speak with the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Trustees, It be Signified to them that the Court does not desire to Retain them any Longer from their respective Charges.

Passed in the Affirmative.

Test H<sup>ez</sup>: WYLLYS Secry:

LXVIII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JOHN WINTHROP

October 24, 1717

[From a copy in the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 6th series, vol. 5, p. 351, Boston, 1892]

The author was graduated at Harvard in 1700, resided in New London, Connecticut, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society in London. This letter was addressed to his father, Judge and Major-General Wait Winthrop, of Boston.

The writer's uncle, John Winthrop the younger, Governor of Connecticut, who died in 1707, had left by his will, dated March, 1702, £100 to the Collegiate School so long as it continued in Saybrook; but the estate was still in litigation.

. . . . . There is great disturbance in y<sup>e</sup> Collony about y<sup>e</sup> Colledge. The last year M<sup>r</sup>. Stonington Noyse was violent for keeping of it at Saybrook, or elce he s<sup>d</sup>. they should loose y<sup>e</sup> old Gov<sup>rs</sup>. legacy to it; but since his son is settled in M<sup>r</sup>. Pierpont's place and house, he has, w<sup>th</sup>-out leave or ord<sup>r</sup>. from the Assembly or Trustees, moved it to New Haven, & ordered a building to be erected for y<sup>e</sup> purpose, w<sup>ch</sup>. is almost finished. The Assembly disapprove of his doings, and have sent for him to answer for himselfe, wither he is gon.

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**LXIX. MESSAGE FROM THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

October 25, 1717

**[From the original in the State Library]**

Ordered that the following Message be sent from the board of the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House to y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Mr. Speak<sup>r</sup>. & Gentlemen Deputies

Att your desire this Board concurr<sup>d</sup>. to send for the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Trustees of the Collegiate School and desire of them an Account of their proceedings with which Some have been dissatisfyed.

Wee design<sup>d</sup>. that the Message to call the Trustees hither, might have gone from this Board only, but when You desired wee might act in Concert, Wee agreed and the Message was sent Accordingly.

As soon as Wee had their Memoriall Laid before us, Wee Immediately Considered it, and Transmitted it to You for Consideration. And Wee no sooner received from the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Woodbridge & Mr. Buckingham Some Exceptions to some proceedings of the Trustees, but having Considered them, Wee sent them down by the Subscribers themselves to Your House. Having debated what Seem<sup>d</sup>. most Materiall in those Exceptions, and come to Resolves thereon, Wee Transmitted them to Your House, with a desire to be Informed, whether You would Expect any thing further from the Trustees, or otherwise Wee might signify to them that they might return to their respective Churches.

Thus Wee have gone on in Concert with You according to Your desire and are surprized to hear that before any return made to this board or Signification whether You concurr with us in our resolves or not and without regard had to thus Concerting together which You desired, You have admitted pleadings and arguments upon the Subject of the Memoriall Laid before us, without allowing us the Opportunity of being

with You, therein, in Concerting that affair with us pursuant to Your own desire, and y<sup>e</sup> agreement of both Houses.

Wee are Truely desirous to Unite our Endeavours with You in Compassing the differences that are so pernicious to us, and do in a strange manner, distroy the peace of our Land, and after Wee had agreed to act in Concert therein, whatever may be Suggested to the prejudice of that agreement (untill the Houses have by their own Consent altered it) must needs be of Very Evill Consequence.

Wee desire therefore to know whether You are yet agreed that wee should have a Joynt Consideration, of what Wee sent to the Trustees, and are ready to act in Conjunction with you.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry:

LXX. ORDER OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR A HEARING OF THE TRUSTEES

October 25, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

Ordered [by the Upper House] That the following Message be sent the Low<sup>r</sup>. House

Mr. Speak<sup>r</sup>. & Gentlemen of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House

The Trustees of the Collegiate School, who at our desire have Laid before the assembly a Memoriall of their proceedings therein, Have attended this Board, and desired, that they may be heard upon the Subject of their Memoriall, before both Houses of the Assembly, all Concern<sup>d</sup> therein having Notice to be present; The Question being put whether they be now admitted has been resolved in the affirmative, And It is hereby Reported to you for your Concurrence.

Attest HEZ: WYLLYS Secry:

Concurr'd w<sup>th</sup>. in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test. ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

LXXI. ANSWER OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE OBSERVATIONS  
AND REMARKS ON THEIR ACTS IN 1716 AND 1717

October 25, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

This paper was read to the Upper House of the Assembly on October 26, and transmitted to the Lower House.

The answer of the underwritten Trustees of the Collegiate School in Connecticut at NewHaven unto the observations and remarks given in by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Tim<sup>o</sup>. Woodbridge & Mr. Tho: Buckingham unto the Generall Assembly of Connecticut now sitting in NewHaven, to show the invalidity of several acts agreed upon & consented unto by the more part of all the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. School in being.

The Observation made on the Act of October 17, 1716, settling the School at New Haven, is quoted. Then follows:

Our Answer to the above Observation.

The Act excepted against must be Valid, if Mr. Ruggles be a trustee & associate, & if Mr. James Noyes his Signing the s<sup>d</sup> Act confirm the same, & if Mr. Samuel Mather should be not a Trustee. But 1. Concerning Mr. Ruggles, it may be argued that he was a Trustee on Octob<sup>r</sup>. last, even in the Account of these Reverend Trustees Dissenting, as may appear from their Memorial signed by their own hands May 9<sup>th</sup> 1717 containing these words in the 24, 25, 26, 27 lines "and "the other Trustees of the s<sup>d</sup>. School sent for, Six of us mett, "the major part of the Trustees then alive, & that Number "according to o<sup>r</sup>. Charter was Sufficient to determine any act "proper to them." Now the Trustees then mett are well known to have been the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. T. Woodbridg, Mr. S. Russel, Mr. J. Webb, Mr. J. Davenport, Mr. Tho. Buckingham, Mr. Th. Ruggles, & these Names some of us are Sure will be

found in the Votes & agreements of the Meeting at Hartford May, 1716.

Upon it We say, If M<sup>r</sup>. Ruggles was indeed a Trustee (as the s<sup>d</sup>. Memorial must be understood to say) on May 1717, we know not, how the s<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Ruggles can be Excluded as not legally chosen on Octob. 1716, when M<sup>r</sup>. Ruggles his present age is 46 years & above an half more.

2. Concerning M<sup>r</sup>. J. Noyes his Signing s<sup>d</sup>. Act, We find in the Copies of the Primitive Records in o<sup>r</sup>. hands the Signing & Consent of a Trustee absent at the time of y<sup>e</sup> meeting who being after acquainted with the doings of the Trustees, hath signed & his Concurrence entred. As Such a signing in the original or primitive records of our meeting hath been accounted valid, so do we also account M<sup>r</sup>. J. Noyes's our last Octob<sup>r</sup>. act to be valid.

3. Concerning the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. S. Math<sup>r</sup>. being a trustee, We offer, that Since that Rev<sup>d</sup>. Gent<sup>n</sup>. hath for many years past been frequently reported to have been disabled in his Understanding, not Capable of the Voice of Rational assent or dissent, unto us that Rev<sup>d</sup>. Gent<sup>n</sup>. hath not been a Trustee during such disability nor hath he appeared at any of our meetings for many years past. We may acknowledg it to have bin some Encouragement to us on s<sup>d</sup>. October meeting to find in Lett<sup>r</sup>. of his to M<sup>r</sup>. Pierpont (now in o<sup>r</sup>. hands) that he declared his mind to be for the Settling the Collegiate School at Newhaven, when no one might question his being a Trustee, & capable of Rational Consent.

ffurther We observe

That the Observation saith at least nine trustees in being, & where are entred Trustees Concurring & Trustees not Concurring, there appear but eight names.

That Suppose there were at least nine trustees in being & no more (as the Observation insinuates) & only four not concurring (as the Observation expresseth) it must needs follow that five Trustees of the nine did concur, and so there is a Majority of trustees settling the Collegiate School at N Haven by the s<sup>d</sup>. act Octob. 1717.

But admitting Mr. Ruggles to have been & to be a Trustee, which is the Truth in o<sup>r</sup> account for diverse years past, it is then Evident that Six Trustees have consented to the Settling the s<sup>d</sup>. School at N Haven—& admitting the s<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Mather being disabled to have been then no Trustee, We offer the Catalogue as Just

Trustees Consenting		Trustees dissenting		
the Rev <sup>d</sup> .	{	Mr. S. Andrew	the Rev <sup>d</sup> .	Mr. T. Woodbridg
		Mr. S. Russel		Mr. Tho. Buckingham
		Mr. J. Webb		the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Mr. M. Noyes
		Mr. J. Davenport		yet
		Mr. T. Ruggles		consenting
dec. 19, 1716		Mr. J. Noyes		

The Remark of the dissatisfied Trustees on the action of April 5, 1717, which confirmed the above-mentioned action of October, 1716, is quoted. Then follows:

Our Answer to the above Remark.

Admitting what is aforesaid concerning Mr. Ruggles & the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. S. Mather, it will appear that more than an Equal part of the Trustees, yea more than a meer Majority of the Trustees have together confirmed our act Apr. 1717, for to us it seems this Number of the consenting Trustees is just.

Trustees present & consenting		Trustees not present & so not consenting		
the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Messieurs	{	James Noyes	the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Messieurs	Moses Noyes
		Sam <sup>l</sup> . Andrew		T. Woodbridg
		Sam <sup>l</sup> . Russel		Tho. Buckingham
		Joseph Webb		St. Buckingham
		John Davenport		
		Thomas Ruggles		

The Observation on the action of September 11, 1717, validating Mr. Ruggles's election, is quoted. Then follows:

Our Answer to the s<sup>d</sup>. Observation last named concerning Mr. Ruggles.

We say 1. the Copy of y<sup>e</sup> last Act being perused, it certainly

appears to be the Act of Six Trustees, unquestionably the majority of or whole body, who have by their own hand writing declared on Record, the s<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Ruggles to have really & actually been a Trustee for diverse years past, which at least implies their acknowledging him an Associate, & at least amounts to a then-associating of him, in case there were need of it. These words in s<sup>d</sup>. Act viz<sup>t</sup>. (We all account him a Worthy Trustee & Associate) we trust will be accepted by all to be as much as if we had said, We all nominate him to be a Trustee & Associate, the case calling for it.

But We do affirm him to have been a Trustee diverse Years past. But against this They object that *this is Our judgment in our own Case*. Upon it, we ask, who can better declare such a matt<sup>r</sup>. than so Undeniable a Majority of all the Trustees in being or that can be mett in Conventions, unto whom certainly belongs to Associate, the Rest of the Trustees having been before notified. Who can doubt whether the Majority of the Trustees so saying one is a Trustee, can be interpreted less than their choosing & appointing One for a Trustee?

2. We desire the Words before noted in Their Memorial to be considered, which by a necessary interpretation shew that themselves so accounted of Mr. Ruggles, he being certainly one of the Six mett at hartford May 1716.

3. Besides, if our Records were in our hands, which we would have had, but they are still detained from us, We make not the least Question, but it would appear for above Six years past, that Mr. Ruggles, who was then above fourty years of age, his name would be found entred at the Beginning of the Acts of such meeting together with the Names of other the Trustees then Convened & also his name would (we doubt not) appear with other the Trustees Signing the Acts of s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting, which we account equal to a Nominating him as Associate, or Associating him, w<sup>ch</sup>. imports a Joyning or taking into fellowship & Company. No particular way of Associating being in or Charter sett down, so that the Trustees are left intirely at their own Liberty in what way it may seem meet to them to associate.



Now w<sup>th</sup>. the Name is Entred w<sup>th</sup>. oth<sup>r</sup>. Trustees name at the Beginning of the Acts of any o<sup>r</sup>. Meetings, there is the Designation Nomination & Approbation of such a Name as a Trustee, & the signing of the same Name w<sup>th</sup>. oth<sup>r</sup>. Trustees at the End of said acts sheweth both their Approbation & his Acceptance.

2. Concerning M<sup>r</sup>. Adams, whom all of us value & honour: We affirm there will not be found in the Records of o<sup>r</sup>. then meeting any vote about M<sup>r</sup>. Adams being a Trustee, nor can we count an Equal Numb<sup>r</sup>. of the Trustees in the account of these dissenting Gentlemen who inclined to M<sup>r</sup>. Adams being Trustee, not for want of Respect to that Gent<sup>n</sup>, but not then of age.

Besides from that time till now, M<sup>r</sup>. Adams Name hath never appeared in any of o<sup>r</sup>. Meetings at the beginning or End of o<sup>r</sup>. acts.

ffurther o<sup>r</sup>. Confirmation of the Settling of the Collegiate School at N Haven on Oct. 1716 & repeated Apr 5, 1717, is done by more than a Moiety of the Trustees may appear by this Comparison.

Trustees Confirming		Trustees not Confirming	
the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Messieurs	J. Noyes	the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Messieurs	Mo. Noyes
	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Andrew		T. Woodbridg
	S. Russel		Tho. Buckingham
	Jo. Webb		Ste. Buckingham
	Joh. Davenport		
	Tho. Ruggles		

Our answers as above are acknowledged & approved of

By JAMES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THO: RUGGLES

N Haven: Oct. 25, 1717

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LXXII. ACCOUNT BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL'S  
HAVING BEEN AT SAYBROOK AND ITS REMOVAL  
TO NEW HAVEN

October 25, 1717

[From the University Archives]

In the handwriting of the Rev. John Davenport, of Stamford, who had become a Trustee in 1714.

An Acco<sup>t</sup> offered by the Subscribers concerning the Collegiate School having bin at Saybrook & its removal to N H.

As we acknowledg s<sup>d</sup>. School to have bin at Saybrook & several acts or votes of the Trustees for it, So we do solemnly & seriously assert o<sup>r</sup>. own Innocency & that we were not the Cause at the first of Removing it as may appear

1. ffrom our Records Apr. 1716. if we had them, when in the great Confusions of the Scholars We yielded to the Dissatisfyed Trustees, that such Scholars as would might have liberty to be nearer their own homes for tuition. And it was then concluded as a means of accommodation to go on to build the house for the School there w<sup>th</sup>. all convenient Spied.

2. ffrom the petition of the Dissatisfyed Trustees presented to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly May 10, 1716.

3. ffrom the Letter sent to us under the hand of the Sec<sup>y</sup>, whereby to the Surprize of us all We were desired forthwith to appear at hartf., because the School at Sayb. was in a Languishing State, & might be best relieved by removing it to hartf., w<sup>n</sup>. our hopes were by the doings of April about a month or six weeks before, the Spirits of all the Trustees were quieted & well agreed for the Schools being at Saybr.

4. ffrom the Earnest & Vehement opposition of the Dissenting trustees then met at o<sup>r</sup>. Conference there unto the Schools being at Saybr. & by the gen<sup>l</sup>. [report!] then at hartf. a Dark reflection was Laid upon Saybr. as a place altogether unfit for the School.

5. ffrom o<sup>r</sup>. acts of Saybr. Sep 1716.

6. ffrom o<sup>r</sup>. appearing at N H. Oct. 1716 at the Council Chamber, after our act for the School being at N H., where it was proposed in the names of all the Trustees consenting for N H. that We would then Bender Null o<sup>r</sup>. s<sup>d</sup>. act of Settling s<sup>d</sup>. School at N H. & all of us would uprightly agree for Sayb., Mr. Davenp<sup>t</sup>. offered it in his name & of all the Consenting Trustees then present, & Mr. Russel offered it likewise, but Mr. Woodbr. offered not one word of acceptance, nor did Mr. Buck<sup>m</sup>. say one word.

7. ffrom o<sup>r</sup>. own knowledg or certain information from o<sup>r</sup>. records or of some of o<sup>r</sup>selves.

Signed

JAMES NOYES  
SAM: ANDREW  
S. RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
J. DAVENPORT  
T. RUGGLES

N Haven Oct. 25, 1717

LXXIII. REPRESENTATION OF MOSES NOYES TO THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

This Memorial was read to the Upper House on October 26, and transmitted to the Lower House.

To the honoured Generall Court assembled at New Haven,  
Octob. 10, 1717

Wheras the case of the collegiate School, is by others laid before you I humbly crave Liberty to offer to your consideration whether it may not be advisable, as a good expedient to remove al dissatisfaction and restore peace, to lay in the

ballance against the claim of Newhaven, the claim of Saybrook which is by many thought to be more weighty and just.

1. Because it was by the primitive Trustees to whom it was immediately committed by many repeated acts, settled at Saybrook as appears by records.

2. Return was made to the court, and so accepted by them as that they have declared that the sallary is granted to the School at Saybrook expressly in the printed book of Laws. It was virtually published to the world in the printed Theses which w<sup>r</sup> designedly sent to England, to procure donations of books, and were successful. The five hundred pound also given by the court, was given to it upon information that it was fixed at Saybrook as also other donations, and a School in another place canot claim any title to them, for as much as it is not the same nor a legitimate heir.

3. I am not satisfied, that the charter doth grant power to the trustees to remove the School after such a settlement made as was at Saybrook For that would inform that they might keep it in effect and estate for ever. They had a house there though not so great as that frame at Newhaven.

4. The inhabitants of Saybrook complain that they are hardly dealt with, and that the Trustees have given too great a shew of breach of promise or covenant with them, and I humbly [        ] M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whittlesay and M<sup>r</sup>. Peter Pratt may be heard upon that head.

Y<sup>r</sup>. humble servant MOSES NOYES

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LXXIV. REASONS FOR THE VOTES OF THE LOWER HOUSE  
OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON  
THE ACTS OF THE TRUSTEES

October, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

From the handwriting these Reasons are shown to have been composed by the Rev. Moses Noyes, of Lyme.

The Reasons of the Lower House for their votes upon the acts of the Trustees and their dissent to the bill of the Upper house thereupon are 1 Because Their Charter makes them partners not one body politick 2 The power of a Maj<sup>r</sup> part given in the charter is expressly to furnish direct manage order improve and encourage the s<sup>d</sup> Collegiate Schooll so ordered and formed as is before ordered and not to form erect and fix the place

And supposing the Trustees were incorporated then The Reasons of the dissent of the Lower house are 1 M<sup>r</sup> Mather has not been proved incapable—as much or more has been said for him as against him. 2 The act of the Trustees concerning M<sup>r</sup>. Rugles was not intended to be a chusing and associateing of him at the time of s<sup>d</sup> act but a declaration that he was a worthy Trustee altho it was conceded that at the time of his Election he was not 40 years old and consequently not then Qualified by charter

3 The act of M<sup>r</sup>. Noyes after the meeting of the partners or association was over was a Consent without Conference, Counsel without Consultation and a Resolve of the highest importance without debate which is thought to be irregular and dangerous and tends to promote faction and division amongst the partners or in the association and besides it supposes that there may be a lawfull act of an association without associating or an act of an assembly by subscription without assembling

We humbly propose whether there is not some imperfection in the charter that ought to be mended that it may be a lasting foundation of good to this government

LXXV. A REPLY TO THE REASONS FOR THE VOTES OF THE  
LOWER HOUSE OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY UPON THE ACTS OF THE TRUSTEES  
IN SETTLEMENT OF THE SCHOOL  
AT NEW HAVEN

October, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

The authorship of this paper is not known.

A Reply to y<sup>e</sup> Reasons of y<sup>e</sup> lower House.

Allowing y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to be considered as Partners We see clearly that our own laws have provided that they shall govern by y<sup>r</sup>. Majorities as Towns, Proprietors, Owners of Shippes. Now these are not bodies corporate yet as y<sup>e</sup> Common law allows are as it were incorporate to do some things w<sup>th</sup>out which the could not well mannage.

2. The power of a Majority given in y<sup>e</sup> Charter is expressly to furnish y<sup>e</sup> School with a good House, a considerable Article in y<sup>e</sup> Catalogue of a Schools furniture, admitting all must agree to form and erect. Its clear that every thing and y<sup>e</sup> School it self must be formed and erected in order to y<sup>r</sup>. being fixd in any place. fixing is a subsequent Act to formation and erection. Its not y<sup>e</sup> Erection of y<sup>e</sup> House but y<sup>e</sup> School.

3. You agree that if M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. be incapable of y<sup>e</sup> trust that he must not be numbered w<sup>th</sup>. them and object only against the truth of his Incapacity, of w<sup>ch</sup>. every one must judge as he finds or is perswaded.

4. Admitting M<sup>r</sup>. R was not 40 w<sup>n</sup>. nominated or pitched upon yet being admitted and actually associated when and

after he was 40 became a lawfull Trustee thô it had never been after demonstrated by a further Declaration.

Many have given Consent w<sup>th</sup>out vocal Conference, Counsel without vocal Consultation. A little variation in Situation is not of y<sup>e</sup> Highest Importance. Many Debates are managed by writing. Its necessary in every Constitution w<sup>n</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Circumstances are such as that y<sup>e</sup> Inconvenienc<sup>s</sup> which may happen for want of a Convention are greater y<sup>n</sup>. may happen by y<sup>r</sup>. Acting without Convention, that their Constitution should be such as to allow of y<sup>r</sup>. acting without a Convention of y<sup>r</sup>. bodies so that y<sup>r</sup>. minds are present and agreeing. for w<sup>ch</sup>. Reason doubtles these Gentlemen are not by y<sup>r</sup>. Pattent obliged to a Convention.

LXXVI. VOTES OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON REQUIRING UNANIMOUS ACTION BY THE TRUSTEES TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF THE SCHOOL

October 28, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

A Question Being Put to this House, Whether that by the Charter given to the Trustees of the Collegiate Schooll There must be a Universall Agreement of the Trustees to Form & Determine the Place for y<sup>e</sup> Erecting of the Collegiate Schooll.

Voted in the Affirmative In The Lower House.

Test. ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

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Ordered that it be an Instruction to Maj<sup>r</sup>. Burr and M<sup>r</sup>. Law, a Committe of this Board, to meet with a Committe of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House that they return the above Vote of the Lower House to the Committee, This Board not thinking it will be of any Service, to multiply Questions of this Nature, in the debate about the proceedings of the Trustees which depends

Entirely upon the Question whether there has been a Majority of the Trustees Concurring to them.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test Hez: WYLLYS Secry: -

LXXVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO CONFIRMATION OF THE  
REMOVAL OF THE SCHOOL TO NEW HAVEN

October 28, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

The Board [*i.e.*, the Upper House,] having considered what was offered in the publick hearing of the Trustees, on Saturday last, and finding alledged or objected therein on the Side of the Trustees, dissenting from the acts of the Rest, in Removing the School from Saybrook to New Haven, & Erecting a House for it, But what was laid before this Board by the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Buckingham under their hands Viz<sup>t</sup>: that the s<sup>d</sup>. Remove was not made, and s<sup>d</sup>. House Erected at N: Haven by a Lawfull Majority of the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, Wee have again considered the same, and do thereupon declare, that these Objections are not of such Weight, as to Maintain what they are brought for, but that on the contrary, the proceedings and doings of the Trustees, by removing the s<sup>d</sup>. School from Saybrook to N: Haven, which the dissenting Trustees have appeared against, have been done by a Majority of the Trustees, And Wee hope that since there has been so full and clear an opening of that Mannagement & Vindication of it from many Misrepresentations, Whereby the Minds of divers persons have been greatly Agitated and much distressed in a strange and Unusuall manner; all dissatisfied persons will rest Contented in the Settlement of the School, and providing for it at NewHaven, as being done by those that have the Care of it committed to them: and that too the appearances of Severall remarkable passages of



divine providences, Whereby what the Trustees had often agreed to, and sincerely endeavour<sup>d</sup>, was prevented and otherwise determined.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry

Nonconcurr'd with in the Lower House

Test. ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

Mr. John Eliot, Capt. James Rogers, & Mr. Braynard are appointed a Committee by This House to Joyn a Committee y<sup>t</sup>. shall be appointed by The Upper House, To Confer & Debate Upon The Within Mentioned Bill.

Past in The Lower House.

Test. ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

Peter Burr and Jonathan Law Esq<sup>rs</sup>. are appointed a Committee to Joyn the Committee of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House to Confer with them upon this Bill

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry.

The within Bill Reconsidered and Past as amended  
for the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry:

LXXVIII. ARGUMENT OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THEIR  
ACTION IN FAVOR OF THE SETTLEMENT  
AT NEW HAVEN

October 29, 1717

[From the original *Journal* in the Secretary of State's  
Office]

The Occasion of our desiring the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Trustees of the Collegiate School to acquaint us with their proceedings in Erecting s<sup>d</sup> School and building a house for it in N. Haven was the difference that had arisen among themselves and the great Contention it hath occasioned among the people, many persons Concerning themselves to have the house for the Colledge set up, in this place or that place, as it suited their fancy or Interest; the End we aimed at was by giving such advice and directions as it might be found proper to reconcile the Trustees, to Restore the Peace of the Land, and Encourage the good work under the Care of the Trustees. Upon a full hearing of the Trustees and Consideration of their representation and State of the s<sup>d</sup>. School Wee have considered the principall End of this Enquiry Viz that with the peace and good will of all as farr as may be, the Collegiate School may flourish under the Care and Conduct of the Trustees, And Wee could heartily Wish it were possible that Every Individuall Person in the Land might be pleased with the place of Carrying on this Work, but as this (considered that wherever it stands, some men will think it more and some less Convenient for themselves in particular) is never to be Expected, Wee therefore lay it aside, and think with our Selves what probably may be gratefull to them, that have been Sincerely in the Interest of the School and heartily wish its prosperity wherever it may be carry<sup>d</sup>. on and what will most conduce to the Rendering this School a lasting blessing

to us. Wee Overlook therefore even what has been objected by some of the Trustees, against the doings of the other in this matter, Viz that they have not acted by a Majority in Erecting Removing and building a house for the said School at N: Haven, not because it seems difficult to determine whether they have or no, for Wee Judge they have, but because it does not seem to be of such Importance. ffor its Evident that the Trustees really beleived that they might act without Convening; That Mr. Ruggles was an Associate with them; That Mr. Mather was disabled from being so, tho contrary to what has been objected, and that in this perswasion they have acted for many Years, and supposing what they have done to be (In respect of what has been objected) Irregular, Yet its possible they have done what will well conduce to the End aimed at, the advancement of Learning among us, And if they have missed in not Acting by their Majority or Universality or in any other point of form Wee are to give our advice upon what they have done, not to distroy the End proposed Viz promotion of Learning, and to Encourage it. Our so doing will we hope end in the peace desired for certainly the Multitude of particular persons in our Severall Towns, if we Encourage this good work in such place as Wee think Convenient, will not be Uneasy because they cant have it nearer to themselves. the Case then is Really this, The Trustees supposing themselves to have power in their Charter, have by their Majority at least Erected a School at Killingworth, removed it to Saybrook and at Length to N: Haven which they Judged in all respects most Convenient and most Sutable for them to pitch upon, here they have built a house and are in preparation to finish it, which they hope to do speedily, and Entertain in it about 40 Schollars.

Upon this Our advice and direction is, That not Troubling themselves with the Questions of Right that have arisen in this debate and caused so long Contention, The Trustees be directed and advised to finish their Undertaking acting therein by the Majority of their Number. Our Reasons are If it be so that what they have done with a good Intention may by

the blessing of God attain the End and Support the School and be a happy means of furnishing us with men of Learning Wee ought to Encourage their hearts and Strengthen their hands in this good Undertaking. And Wee can<sup>t</sup> but hope that what they have done may under this Encouragement prove a great blessing to us. If we do discourage by our advice the Carrying on of this work, there may be great danger that we fail of the End it self, that neither these present Trustees, nor any other Sutable persons will be willing to Engage in such another Undertaking; the Animosities which have on this occasion arisen among us, may very probably prevail and End in the Subversion of much good, and we agree that these Resolutions should be delivered to the Trustees as our advice to them, which we hope may be of Use to them and may be profitably observed untill such Time as it may please God to provide some other way wherein the good work committed to their Care may be carry<sup>d</sup>. on more to the advantage of the good End proposed and the said Trustees be Indemnifyed and Secured from any dammages comming to them, by what they have already done in the Mannagement of the affairs of the School, and bringing what they have begun to a good perfection.

LXXIX. PROPOSAL OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A CONFERENCE  
ON COLLEGE AFFAIRS

October 29, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

This House considering the affair of the Collegiate School, as Laid before this Assembly, the Importance of it, to the Publick Weal, and Peace, the great Expence Wee have been at, by the Length of the Debate, The Earnest desires of the Trustees, to be discharged from their present attendance, the Obstruction this gives to other buisness, The Mischeif of

Suffering this Contention to remain, Do therefore agree to a Conference of both Houses, that by Mutuall Consideration and assistance, We may the better resolve, what advice & direction It may be best for us to giue, Towards Restoring good Order and Peace, in Relation to the Mannagement of the School.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secry:

Dissented to in the Lower House.

Test. ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

LXXX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON THE DETERMINATION OF A PLACE FOR THE SCHOOL

October 29-30, 1717

[From the original in the State Library]

It may be noted that the earliest recorded use of the *previous question* in the Connecticut Assembly is that mentioned here.

Voted by y<sup>a</sup> House y<sup>t</sup>. after some Consideration of a Place proper for the Settlement of the Collegiate School under y<sup>e</sup> Present Difficult Circumstances of it, they will proceed to bring in their Votes, for y<sup>e</sup> Place of Building y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School which is to be Determined by a Majority of y<sup>e</sup> Votes which are to be brought in in Writing.

After y<sup>e</sup> Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Matter Mr. Speaker called for y<sup>e</sup> Votes of y<sup>e</sup> House for a Place to settle the Collegiate School, & y<sup>e</sup> House brought in their Votes, 35 of which were for Middletown, & 32 were for NHaven.

Past in The Lower House.

Test: ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk.

Voated in the Lower house that Coll: Whiting, Mr. Eliott, and Majr. John Clark be a committee to Joyn the Com<sup>tee</sup>. of the vper house to confer and debate with them Respecting the Resolues of either board Refering to the Schoole, Espetially to giue the Reasons of this house, for their last voate stateing the place for y<sup>e</sup> schoole, that the matter may be accomedated by the vper house's cuming into the same Resolue, or by sum other proper meanes for the settleing and accomedateing the whole affaire.

Past in the Lower House

Test: ELISHA WILLIAMS Clerk

Peter Burr Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Eells and Jonathan Law Esq<sup>rs</sup>. are appointed a Committe to Joyn the Committe of the Lower House abovementioned to confer and consider of the affair abovementioned.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test H<sup>ez</sup>: WYLLYS Secry.

Majo<sup>r</sup> Burr, Majo<sup>r</sup>. Eells and Mr. Law a Committee of this board [*i.e.*, the Upper House] Ordered to receive the Reasons from the Committee of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House upon the Subject of the Collegiate School, Laid before this board what they rec<sup>d</sup>. from the Committe of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House as follows—

An Account of the Vote of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House concerning the Election of Middletown, for placing the Collegiate School and the grounds of their proceedings therein.

Severall principall members of this House Moved that this matter of the place of the Collegiate School might be brought to an Issue, and Urged the Necessity thereof and declared that if the Majo<sup>r</sup>. part of this House did Vote another place for the School then NewHaven, they would set down Satisfyed. After some Considerations it was moved that a previous Question should be put whether the Vote of the House upon the s<sup>d</sup>. matter should now be Taken. Some debate being had it was Voted in the Affirmative and after Considerable Time spent in considering and debating upon all Circumstances and Conveniencies respecting a place, the House brought in

their Votes in writing, and pitch<sup>t</sup> upon Midletown. The Necessity of bringing this matter to an Issue by this Assembly is founded upon those Considerations besides what has been Intimated in the Reason of our former Votes. 1, The different Opinions of the Trustees concerning the Conveniency and Justice of the place, as well as the manner of Ordering. 2, the discouragement the School will Ly under without a determination. 3, The Peace and Satisfaction of the Country, Its reasonably hop<sup>d</sup> will follow from an Equall and Just determination.

And Likewise what the Committe of Board offered in answer to the afores<sup>d</sup>. Reasons, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Its doubted whether the Reasons given be sufficient to Warrant the Vote of the Lower House for fixing y<sup>e</sup> place for y<sup>e</sup> School—

1. Because it cannot be expected that all y<sup>e</sup> Trustees or members of any other Society should be all of y<sup>e</sup> same mind in all y<sup>r</sup>. Determinations, Unless y<sup>e</sup> matter were decided to be wrong.

2 Bec: y<sup>e</sup> Determination of y<sup>e</sup> place by those to whom it does not so properly belong, with y<sup>e</sup> like or greater Difference in Opinion will not Abate y<sup>e</sup> Discouragement.

3 Bec: It cant be reasonably hoped that peace and Satisfaction should arise out of a more slender Majority in y<sup>e</sup> Decision by y<sup>e</sup> Assembly to whom it dos not so properly appertain as by y<sup>e</sup> clearer Majority of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. Neither can that Decision be lookt upon so equal and just as this of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees whose proper work it is.

PETER BURR	} Com <sup>tee</sup> . of ye	
SAM <sup>LL</sup> . EELLS		} Upper House
JON <sup>TH</sup> . LAW		

[Final action of the Upper House]

Ordered that the following Message be Entered in our Journall and sent to the Low<sup>r</sup>. House

Mr. Speak<sup>r</sup>. and Gentlemen of the Low<sup>r</sup>. House

It is now many days that Wee have been Taken up in the

affair of the Collegiate School, and after many Endeavours by Votes and by Committees, without any prospect of Uniting in any Conclusion Wee proposed to You a Conference of both Houses which you have declined. Conference being an Ancient Custom of this Assembly, in Cases wherein the Houses cannot otherwise come to a Conclusion in any matter before them, Wee have searched our Records and cannot find that this House Ever refused a Conference when You moved for it and as Wee can't think there should be any Sufficient Reasons to deny what has been so Customary, Wee recommend it again to You that Wee may have Opertunity in Conference, to communicate our thoughts to each other, since Wee have no prospect in any other way to Understand what it may be fit for us to do to put an End to the Contentions that have been too long in the Colony about the Collegiate School.

### LXXXI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

October 30, 1717

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Collegiate School at New-haven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 30. 1717.

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| <p>Present<br/>the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messieurs<br/>James Noyes<br/>Moses Noyes<br/>Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew<br/>Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridg<br/>Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel<br/>Joseph Webb<br/>John Davenport<br/>Thomas Buckingham<br/>Thomas Ruggles</p> | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes be the Moderator of this present meeting.</li> <li>2. Agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Davenport be the Scribe of this present meeting.</li> <li>3. This Question was propounded—<br/>Whether the Reverend Trustees, viz<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Russel &amp; M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles be deputed &amp; ordered by us to make inquiry of Major Clark of Saybrook, or any other, as soon as may be, concerning the Books belonging to us the Trustees of the</li> </ol> |
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s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School, which are (as we hear) in M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Buckingham's hands, Whether the said Books are under any seizure, & what is the present Condition of the Said Books? The Above question is resolved by Vote affirmatively.

4. These two Questions were propounded—

first Question. Whether the Trustees here mett agree & vote that the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ruggles of Guilford hath been to us a Trustee & associate of the Collegiate School of Connecticut for full six years past, & that all the doings of the Trustees that have his name Signing any of our acts within the time aforesaid are valid because of his signing any the same as much as of Any other Trustee whomsoever?

Second Question Whether in ord<sup>r</sup> to remove the Scruples & Doubts of Any on the Account of s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles being a Trustee, We do hereby declare Nominate & associate him the s<sup>d</sup>. Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles a Trustee of the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School, & shall accept his signing with ourselves any of o<sup>r</sup> Acts a Satisfying assurance of his Acceptance? Both these questions Resolved in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative & Signed per us

JOSEPH WEBB

JOHN DAVENPORT

JAMES NOYES

MOSES NOYES

SAMUEL ANDREW

SAMUEL RUSSEL

5. Whereas there was a Question propounded to the Trustees at their meeting on Octob<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1716 in these words viz<sup>t</sup>. Whether Considering the Difficulties of Continuing the Collegiate School of Connecticut Colony at Saybrook appearing to us, We the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. School agree that the said Collegiate School be now removed from Saybrook to Newhaven, & that the said Collegiate School be settled at Newhaven as a very convenient place for it, & for which the most Liberal Donations are given appearing to us, as well as on many other Considerations, & it is now Settled at Newhaven accordingly. The

Question Resolved & Voted in the Affirmative: also the said Question was propounded on April the 5<sup>th</sup> 1717, & then confirmed & Resolved affirmatively by Six Trustees Signing it: and also the s<sup>d</sup>. Question propounded on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1717 & then confirmed & Resolved affirmatively by six Trustees Signing it: And now the same is propounded to the Trustees of this present Meeting, whether the said Question so Confirmed be also now agreed upon & Confirmed by o<sup>r</sup>. full Act, All of us now present fully Concurring in the Settlement of the said School at New haven: which is now Resolved in the affirmative

N Haven. Oct. 31. 1717

JAMES NOYES,  
 MOSES NOYES, considering  
 present circumstances  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THOMAS RUGGLES

6. All the Memoirs, heads, and Acts passed at the Meeting of the Trustees on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1717, from these letters & numbers viz<sup>t</sup> [No. 7] all along unto the Conclusion of the Doings of s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting, having been duly read & considered at this present meeting are all & Every of them accepted agreed upon & Consented that they stand valid. Voted fully in the affirmative.

October. 31, 1717.

JAMES NOYES  
 MOSES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THO<sup>s</sup> RUGGLES

7. Whether the Trustees Convened fully appoint & Impower M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Rector, & any two or three Trustees to furnish the School with a Tutor or Tutors, as Shal be needful for the Collegiate School at New haven, until further ord<sup>r</sup> from the Trustees? Voted in the affirmative by M<sup>r</sup> J. Noyes M<sup>r</sup> Mos. Noyes, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>r</sup> Russel M<sup>r</sup> Webb M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles
8. Whether the Trustees impowered in pursuance of the preceding Vote are directed & ordered to use all fair & Equal Measures in order to obtain M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams of Wethersfield to be the Senior Tutor of the s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School. Voted in the affirmative.
9. Whether the Letter drawn to our honble Patron Jeremiah Dumm<sup>r</sup> Esq. be signed by the Trustees Convened & Present. Voted in the affirmative.
10. Whether the hundred pounds this year given by the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly to the Trustees of the Collegiate School be distributed to Wethersfield & Saybrook their parts as well as to NHaven their part, to say to NHaven for thirteen Scholars £41.18.8¼ to Wethersfield for fourteen Scholars £45.3.2¼ to Saybrook for four Scholars £12.18.¼. Voted fully in the affirmative.
11. Whether the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees impowered as above be desired & ord<sup>d</sup>ed to give notice to the two Junior Classes at Wethersfield to appear & attend their Exercises in sd School at Newhaven & the Residue, if occasion require. Voted affirm.

At this Meeting also y<sup>e</sup> Trustees nominate & make Choice of S<sup>r</sup> Johnson, to be a Tutor of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School; who appearing before this Board declared his acceptance of s<sup>d</sup>. office.

It is agreed & ordered, that, the Building of a Collegiate School & also A House for a Rector in New-Haven be undertaken w<sup>th</sup> all convenient Speed.

It is Agreed & Voted that the Honourabl<sup>e</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Governour w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> be intreated to favour us with their advice concerning the Architechtonick part of the Building of the Collegiate House & Rectors House.

Agreed—y<sup>t</sup> the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew of Milford be y<sup>e</sup> Rector of the Collegiate School for the present & untill a Settled Rector shall be fixed in y<sup>e</sup> School (which we will endeavour with all convenient Speed) often to visit & inspect s<sup>d</sup>. School.

The Trustees nominate & choose M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith to be a Tutor of y<sup>e</sup> said Collegiate School & in Case of Mr Smith's non Acceptance of s<sup>d</sup>. Office it is Agreed y<sup>t</sup> then the Rector with any two of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees besides have Power to supply y<sup>e</sup> Place of a Tutor untill y<sup>e</sup> next Meeting of the Trustees.

Voted y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport, & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles be the Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees, to inspect, order & direct y<sup>e</sup> Buildings afores<sup>d</sup>. of the Collegiate House & y<sup>e</sup> Rectors House at New Haven.

And it is further Voted y<sup>t</sup> a Major Part of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Committee shall have a Power to act in Relation to s<sup>d</sup>. Buildings.

Agreed y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Warham Mather, Capt. Joseph Whiting, & M<sup>r</sup> John Ponderson Jun<sup>r</sup>. all of New Haven be & hereby are appointed a Committee together with M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Law of Milford & Capt John Hall of Wallingford who are desired to give also y<sup>r</sup> Assistance as often as y<sup>r</sup>. may with Convenience to have y<sup>e</sup> Oversight & Ordering of y<sup>e</sup> Buildinges for y<sup>e</sup> sd Collegiate School & y<sup>e</sup> Rector with all convenient Speed according to y<sup>e</sup> Advice & Directions from time to time given by y<sup>e</sup> Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees appointed by y<sup>e</sup> Meeting.

Voted y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles shall attend a Quarterly Visitation of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School each of 'em wherein a Sermon is desired to be delivered to y<sup>e</sup> Students by y<sup>e</sup> Visitants in their respective Times.

Voted y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham be chosen a Trustee of the Collegiate School.

Whether y<sup>e</sup> Trustees convened fully appoint & empower M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Rector & any two or three of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to furnish y<sup>e</sup> School with a Tutor or Tutors as shall be needful for y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at New Haven untill further order from y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative.

Whether y<sup>e</sup> Trustees impowered in Pursuance of y<sup>e</sup> preceding Vote are directed & ordered to use all fair & equal measures in Order to obtain M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams of Weathersfield to be y<sup>e</sup> Senior Tutor of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Collegiate School. Voted in the Affirmative.

Whether y<sup>e</sup> Letter drawn to our Hon<sup>ble</sup> Patron Jeremiah Dummer Esq. be signed by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees convened & present. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative.

Whether y<sup>e</sup> Hundred Pounds y<sup>e</sup> Year given by y<sup>e</sup> gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School be distributed to Wethersfield & Saybrook y<sup>r</sup> Parts as well as to New Haven y<sup>r</sup> Part, say to New Haven for thirteen Scholars £41.18.8¼ to Wethersfield for fourteen Scholars £45.3.2¾ to Saybrook for four Scholars £12.18.¾. Voted fully in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative.

Whether y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees impowered as above be desired & ordered to give Notice to y<sup>e</sup> two Junior Classes at Wethersfield to appear & attend y<sup>r</sup> Exercises in s<sup>d</sup>. School at New Haven & y<sup>e</sup> Residue if Occasion require. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative.

Testis JOHN DAVENPORT Scribe.

LXXXII. RESOLVES OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

October 31, 1717

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 30, 38,  
Hartford, 1872]

Att a Generall Assembly held at New Haven.

A Question being put, whether under the present circumstances of the affairs of the Collegiate School, the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Trustees be advised to proceed in that affair, and finish the House, they have built in New Haven, for the Entertainment of the Schollars belonging to the Collegiate School: Resolved in the affirmative. . . . .

Resolved by this Assembly, That in lieu of one hundred and twenty pounds in pay formerly granted by this court for

the encouragement of the collegiate school, and to be drawn out of the publick treasury, there shall be the sum of one hundred pounds in bills of publick credit distributed among those that have instructed the scholars belonging to the collegiate school, the year past, both at Wethersfield, New Haven and Seybrook, in proportion, according to the number of scholars taught by them.

### LXXXIII. LETTER OF THE TRUSTEES

October 31, 1717

[From the original draft in the University Archives]

This letter was addressed to Jeremy Dummer, the Colony Agent in London. It is in the handwriting of the Rev. John Davenport, of Stamford, and the signatures are autographs.

Right Wor<sup>d</sup>-full Sir

We have Remaining grateful Resentments of y<sup>r</sup>. Generous Donation of an handsome Number of Books to furnish o<sup>r</sup>. Library, indeed not yet prepared. We are in hopes of having shortly perfected o<sup>r</sup>. Splendid Collegiate House, which was raised on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Instant. We behold its fair Aspect in the Market-place of New-haven, mounted in an Eminent place thereof, in length ten Rods, in breadth 21 foot, & near thirty foot upright, a Spacious hall, & an Equally Spacious Library, All in a little time to be Splendidly compleated. It was some months past farr from our tho'ts, that the House would have been built in any other Town than Saybrook; but great Dis-satisfaction taken by some of our own Number hath occasioned a Dark Cloud of Reflexion on that place as Unfit for the School, by whom also vigorous Endeavor<sup>s</sup> have been used, that hartford or some place near it might be the Seat of Literature in o<sup>r</sup>. Colony, which all of us underwritten could not admitt as Convenient for the so great Distance from the Sea-Side.

Wherefore Necessity obliging us to Remove it from Saybrook, the Greater part by farr of Our Number have agreed upon the Large & Pleasant Town of New-haven to be the kind Alumna to bear in her Arms, & cherish in her Bosom the Infant Nursery of Learning in Our Government.

We easily perswade ourselves, The Design of yo<sup>r</sup>. Liberal Donation was to lend a Generous hand to advance the Interest of Learning in Our Colony & particularly to brighten the Countenances of the Trustees, under whose Oversight the School hath flourisht & we hope, yet will: not to furnish many illiterate families in Saybrook with a stock of Books each, as We have heard the uneasy spirits of that Town incline & seem resolved, from an Opinion that yo<sup>r</sup>. Donation, Right Wor<sup>p</sup>-full Sir, is the Propriety of the School in that Place; which if yo<sup>r</sup>. Intention Justify, we are sorry, that y<sup>e</sup> Shelves of our ffamous Library should appear ashamed for want of yo<sup>r</sup>. Books further to beautify them.

The affair of o<sup>r</sup>. School hath been in a Condition of Pregnancy. Painfull with a witness have been the Throwes thereof in this General Assembly. But we just now hear, that after the Violent Pangs threatning the Very life of the Babe, Divine Providence as a kind Obstetrix hath mercifully brought the Babe into the World, & behold a Man-child is born, whereat We all Rejoyce, & when Yo<sup>r</sup>. Hono<sup>r</sup>. heareth the Same, We are perswaded, that yo<sup>r</sup>. Hono<sup>r</sup>. will bear a part in Our Joy, that, with the Countenance & Concurrence of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly, both of the Upper & Lower House the Carrying on of the Collegiate house in this Celebrated Town of New-haven be proceeded on & forwarded & finished by the Care of the Trustees with all Convenient Speed. Now We Rejoyce that our Settling the Collegiate School at N Haven is favoured with so Ample Approbation as that of the two Houses, & now there is an hopeful Prospect of the Peace of the Colony, which hath been so threatned on said Settlement, We shall also rejoyce to understand by a Line from yo<sup>r</sup>. Hono<sup>r</sup>., that we have not mistaken yo<sup>r</sup>. Donation to be made unto the Trustees for the use of the Collegiate School, wherever the same were

finally settled, & particularly at N Haven, the place of the Remains of an assured friend of yo<sup>r</sup>. Honor<sup>s</sup>, the Reverend M<sup>r</sup>. Pierpont, a most obliging, capable & Industrious Undertaker for the School, dec<sup>d</sup>, whose great Serviceableness we cannot loose the Sence of. We cheerfully & gratefully acknowledg the many kind offices of the Liberal Benefactor<sup>s</sup> of o<sup>r</sup>. School, & shall with all thankfulness receive further Donations of Such Generous Gentlemen, who thrô the Influence of Heaven may cast a Smiling Aspect upon our Nursery. We shall not give further trouble now, after unfeigned wishes of yo<sup>r</sup>. Honor<sup>s</sup>. prosperity, & acknowledgment that we are

Right Worshipful Sir

Yo<sup>r</sup>. most obliged & most humble Servants

JAMES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT

N Haven Oct. 31, 1717.

LXXXIV. HISTORICAL REMARKS CONCERNING THE  
 COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

begun November 20, 1717, and continued at intervals  
 to June, 1719

[From the University Archives]

The author, Samuel Johnson, a native of Guilford, was graduated in 1714, and entered, in October, 1716, on a Tutorship, which he filled until September, 1719, when he was called to settle in the ministry in West Haven. His later career as an Episcopal missionary in Stratford, and as President of Kings College, is well known.



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SOME HISTORICAL REMARKS  
CONCERNING THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OF CONNECTICUTT  
IN NEW HAVEN

Written in part Nov. 20, 1717, per S. Johnson.

It was 15 yrs. agoe namely the 9<sup>th</sup>. day of Octobr. 1702 That Several Worthy Gentlemen of this Colony of Connecticut, Considering the want of Learning and Learned men both in Chh & State, and the Great Difficulty & extream Charges of Educating Children at Harvard Colledge in Cambridge, it being so very remote from us, & the Like, did prefer a petition before the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of this Colony for Licence to Erect a Collegiate School for the Instructing Young Men in the Liberal Arts & Sciences, which They by virtue of thier power by Charter from the Crown of Great Brittain might Grant. Whereupon The Assembly taking it into Consideration saw Cause to make an Act, Grant or Charter therein Conveying full right, Liberty & Priviliege to these Gentlemen, to Erect, forme & Direct such a School, in Such Convenient place or places as to y<sup>m</sup>. should seem most meet, & in a word committed the whole of the Affaire to them to be managged according to thier best Discretion as by y<sup>r</sup>. Charter appears.

These Venerable Gentlemen, Trustees pursuant to thier Act, met together sundry Times faithfully Consulting & determining what should be most Convenient to be done in the Affair and first If I misremember not at SayBrook and Chose a Rector viz M<sup>r</sup>. Israel Chauncey of Stratford, agreeing (at least a Maj<sup>r</sup>. part of them) that the School should be at SayBrook, & that M<sup>r</sup>. Chauncey remove his family thither. But M<sup>r</sup>. Chauncey declining it they then chose M<sup>r</sup>. Abraham Pierson of Kennelsworth and Concluded that for as much as they had not Sufficient Money to build directly at SayBrook therefore the Students (as many as did Appear) should repair to Kennelsworth till providence should further open a Door for the Settlement of y<sup>e</sup> School, intending when that should be to Consummate the Settlem<sup>t</sup>. of it at SayBrook. Whereupon they founded Laws and Orders for the Governm<sup>t</sup>. & mannag-

ing of the School, & Chose Mr. Moses Noyes & Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russel Trustees, & there appearing some number of Students they Chose Mr. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Hooker of H. Coll. to assist Mr. Pierson in Instructing and Governing the Students as Tutor, who after Some Abode in y<sup>e</sup> Work, leaving it, they Chose Mr. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Hart, to be the Tutor who with Mr. Pierson pursued the Instruction of Youth for 2 or 3 years, Good Education being now attainable in the School, & after his Departure into the Ministry Mr. Phineas Fisk was Chosen to assist as Tut<sup>r</sup>. about y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>r</sup>. 1706. & so things continued Till some Time the next y<sup>r</sup>. (If I am right informed) The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Pierson Died. W<sup>r</sup>upon the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees met together to Consult the Affairs of the School, & Chose the Reverend Presbyter Mr. Samuel Andrew of Milford to be the Rector Ordering part of the Schollars to wait on him for thier Instruction at Milford till the End of the Year; Mr. Fisk by the Order of Some of them with the Other Classes going over to SayBrook where they had designed to be, & thus it Continued till Commencem<sup>t</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> Week in Sept. when the Reverend Trustees met & Chose Mr. Hale of Harv<sup>d</sup>. Coll. to assist Mr. Fisk at SayBrook without a resident Rector, Mr. Andrew attending only at Commencements, & managing them; And thus Affairs were till next year when Mr. Hale upon some uneasiness went away and they chose Mr. Azariah Mather to be Colleague w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fisk who continued with him in y<sup>e</sup> Work till Commencem<sup>t</sup>. 1710 when (Mr. Buckingham the Past<sup>r</sup>. of SayBrook Chh dying) Mr. Mather was chosen thier Pastor in his room & ordained, upon which The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees chose Mr. Joseph Noyes Tutor w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fisk (& Mr. Ruggles Trustee) who with Mr. Fisk Managed the Affairs of the School, till Commencem<sup>t</sup>. 1713 when Mr. Fisk left the School, being called to Hadam, & thereupon the Trustees chose Mr. William Russel Tutor, and he continued at the School that year at the End w<sup>r</sup>of (his Father y<sup>e</sup> Minister at Middletown having died) he was called to the Ministry in his room When at Commencement 1714 The Trustees chose Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russel Tut<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Noyes, and Mr. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Davenport Trustee (In Mr. Russel's room,) and by those two Tut<sup>rs</sup>.

affairs were managed that year, till the next Commencem<sup>t</sup>. Sept. 1715 in w<sup>c</sup>. year by the bountiful & liberal Donation of Divers well Spirited Gentlemen in Brittain procured By Mr. Jeremiah Dummer Agent for this Colony, we had a very valuable and considerable Library of Choice Books Sent to us. And at this Commencem<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Noyes was called to New Haven in the room of the Venerable Trustee Mr. James Pierpont, & Mr. Benjamin Lord was chosen Tutor w<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Russel. The next Winter after w<sup>c</sup>., in Decemb<sup>r</sup>. or Jan<sup>y</sup>., there arose an unhappy Dissention in the Colledge, the Schollars finding fault with thier Tutors, (w<sup>c</sup>. tho' rather too young yet unworthy of the Aspertions cast on them by the Schollars,) as Insufficient and this Murmuring of the Unruly & Ungoverned Schollars advanced to a Great heighth blown up (as was on but too good Grounds thought) by some Gentlemen up on Connecticut River, & also by some belonging to Saybrook Town, who wished not well either to the School's being at SayBrook, or to the Tutors or both. As also great fault was found with SayBrook as a place not Suitable for the School, & thus the Tut<sup>rs</sup>. were disgraced & the Town became odious throughout the Colony—& this mutiny could not be heald tho many Gentlemen took pains with the Schollars for y<sup>t</sup>. End.

Affairs being thus The Trustees agreed to meet at SayBrook April 1 week 1716 to Endeavour the Reconciliation of this Difference, present M<sup>rs</sup>. James Noyes, Moses Noyes, Samuel Andrew, Samuel Russel, Timothy Woodbridge, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ruggles, who made diligent Enquiry concerning the Causes of y<sup>e</sup> Disturbances, and what was alledged was the Insufficiency of y<sup>e</sup> Tutors, and altho' all that was alledged against them was Judged not Sufficient to oblige y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to make another Choice or any further provision for y<sup>e</sup> Instruction of y<sup>e</sup> School, yet that they might make things the more Easy, they allowed the Dissatisfied Schollars to repair to such instructors as they might be satisfied in, till y<sup>e</sup> Commencement, where y<sup>r</sup> pleased—and Ordered in y<sup>e</sup> mean time that Buildings might go forward at SayBrook, hoping that might quiet the Schollars.

Immediately upon this, many of y<sup>e</sup> Schollars repaired to thier respective homes & w<sup>r</sup>. they might have Instruction to thier minds, a considerable number of them gathering at Wethersfield, Some of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees expecting things might be making ready for y<sup>e</sup> buildings. Instead thereof y<sup>r</sup>. was the next May an unaccountable petition presented to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court, representing the State of y<sup>e</sup> School & desiring that it might be removed from SayBrook & Settled at Hartford, which caused a mighty Commotion in y<sup>e</sup> Assembly, & great Concern. The Trustees were sent for to y<sup>e</sup> Court, and of y<sup>m</sup>. came Mr. Russel, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davenport & Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Woodbridge & Mr. Buckingham being then present. They two last had preferred that strange and irregular petition, unknown to the other Trustees. The Trustees thus met at Hartford consulted & conferred with the Assembly, opposing Mr. Woodbridge & Mr. Buckingham thier petition, & Desiring the Assembly not to take it to y<sup>r</sup>. Consideration till Octob<sup>r</sup>. Court at N. Haven & agreed that unless they could Universally agree on y<sup>e</sup> next Commencem<sup>t</sup>. where y<sup>e</sup> School should be Built, then they would Desire the Assembly to nominate a place for it, and thus Matters being in Suspence, a few Schollars remained under Mr. Russel & Lord at Saybrook, & that Summer Mr. Lord seing how things were disposed, laid down his post, Mr. Russel yet continuing till Commencem<sup>t</sup>. Sept. 1716 when he laid down his also. At this Time the Trustees consulted further w<sup>t</sup>. to do relating to the Settlem<sup>t</sup>. of the School. Those that were not present at Hartford dissented from the Agreem<sup>t</sup>. then made, and they made attempts to Settle it by thier Agreem<sup>t</sup>. on Saybrook, But Mr. Woodb—ge & Mr. B—m voted for Hartford, but not being able to bring any thing to pass they agreed to meet at N. Haven Oct. 1716 at the Time of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court, then & there to determine where the School should be Setled. And it may be remarked that between the May & Octob<sup>r</sup>. Courts, there were various Towns w<sup>c</sup>. bid for the School—Saybrook 12 or 1400 pounds, Hartford endeavoured but could make no hand of getting Money, at least not so much as they could think

worth y<sup>e</sup> mentioning, At N. Haven were 15 or 2000<sup>lb</sup> gathered by Subscriptions, hoping on each hand that the Money gathered might be a temptation to bring y<sup>e</sup> School y<sup>re</sup>.

Things having been at Commencm<sup>t</sup> reduced to the posture mentioned, the Trustees having agreed so to doe, met accordingly at N. Haven at y<sup>e</sup> Time of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Court Oct. 1716, present Mr. Moses Noyes, Mr. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Andrew, Samuel Russel, Joseph Webb, Timothy Woodbridge, Tho<sup>a</sup>. Buckingham, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Davenp<sup>t</sup>, Tho. Ruggles, & because the Elder of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees dissented from the Hartford act, having not been legally warned to y<sup>e</sup> Meeting, Therefore the first Question was, whither that Act of universality made at Hartford was binding & whither therefore they were obliged to address the Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Court? This Question considered was voted in y<sup>e</sup> negative by all but Mr. W——ge & Mr. B——m—and the Upper House was consulted w<sup>th</sup>. what to do who advised by no meanes to address the lower House. This Act thus being dissolved the SeaSide Gentlemen lookd on themselves free from all obligation to address the Assembly and therefore the Question returned whither the School should be removed from Say-Brook, considering the Circumstances of it, & the Odium brought on SayBrook, and the difficulty of procuring Instruct<sup>rs</sup>. & Govern<sup>rs</sup>. for it &c? (now herein all agreed but Mr. Noyes the Moderator) & if so whither it be moved from Say-Brook & Settled at New Haven & this was voted in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messieurs Mr. S. Andrew, Russel, Webb, Davenp<sup>t</sup> & Ruggles, Mr. W——ge & B——m against it, Mr. Noyes for it if it must be necessarily removed from Saybrook, which necessity he could not see. Thus therefore 5 against 3, being so great a majority the Seaside Trustees esteemed reasonably the School was Settled at N. Haven & therefore proceeded to conclude for the Buildings & many acts were passed relating to them & they chose Mr. S. Buckingham of Norwalk Trustee & Mr. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Smith & S—— Joh——n Tutors & the latter accepted & the former Mr. Smith was sent to, & engaged to come, & thus things were hopefully settled, the Schollars of y<sup>e</sup> Seaside & two from the upper County repaired

to N. Haven & the young<sup>r</sup>. Tutor accordingly came to do his part & got into a posture of business. Mr. W—ge & B—m did indeed go to the Court but got nothing effected & thier dissatisfaction remained, & under their Influence Mr. Smith was supposed to neglect coming, & y<sup>e</sup> next news was he would not come but the upriver Schollars gathered at Wethersfield and were instructed by him & Mr. Williams all y<sup>e</sup> year—rebellling against y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Trustees, & under this disappointment the Senior Class at N. H. were instructed all y<sup>e</sup> year by Mr. Noyes y<sup>e</sup> Minister of y<sup>e</sup> Town & the rest under mySelf, a few yet residing at Saybrook under Mr. Mather.

These disappointments had indeed a very melancholly Aspect, & Mr. W—ge & B—m contrived a remonstrance in y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> Counties of N. London & Hartford to be sent about to raise a faction against Newhaven which was afterwards fully answered by an Antiremonstrance. Things were indeed bad, but y<sup>e</sup> Seaside Trustees were resolved to make the best of a bad market.

The Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees for building an House met Several Times & at length addressed his Hon<sup>r</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall according to Agreement for a plan of y<sup>e</sup> House who accordingly gave it and provision was making for y<sup>e</sup> building; by Jan<sup>r</sup>. 8 1716/7 they began to get timber. Rumors were continually heard from the North, the remonstrance had grounded thier Dissatisfaction on 3 reasons, Scil. 1. because the School was set so far distant from those two bigger Counties in a lesser, & 2 only by an Equal number of Trustees aludging Mr. Math<sup>r</sup>. of W—r who had been disabled for many years to be one, & Mr. Noyes of Stonningtown not being present, & 3 the Hartford act. The Trustees y<sup>t</sup> were for N. Haven did esteem that the Maj<sup>r</sup>. part of y<sup>e</sup> numb<sup>r</sup>. present was to determine, if all had a legal warning, as y<sup>r</sup> then had; but yet to answer their main Argument they sent to Mr. Noyes of Stonnington who signed all the Acts passed in Oct<sup>r</sup>. with his own hand. & now they hoped they were secure, & so things rested till May Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court 1717. At which Mr. N—s of Lyme, Mr. W—ge & B—m, he for Saybrook they for

Hartford, addressed the Court, that the School might be settled on y<sup>e</sup> River Connecticut not Specifying the place. they argued that Mr. Noyes of Stonningtons signing was not good, & y<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Math<sup>r</sup>. was a Trustee & that Mr. Ruggles of Guildford was no Trustee, because chose before 40 y<sup>r</sup>. old, contrary to Charter. (indeed he was nominated before 40, but never accepted nor acted till after) by such arguments y<sup>r</sup> got it passed in the lower House but not in y<sup>e</sup> upper & so brought nothing to pass. & so things remained under y<sup>e</sup> extream dissatisfaction till Commencement at N. Haven Sep<sup>t</sup>. 1717, when there was a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees but tho' all warned yet only Mr. James Noyes, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew, S. Russell, Jos. Webb. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Davenp<sup>t</sup>, Th. Ruggles, Steph. Buckingham present, who all agreed with one Consent to what was done y<sup>e</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>. before & that Mr. Ruggles was a Trustee, Mr. Buckingham of Norwalk also agreeing in that, so that now things seemed incontestable, Six Trustees at least, against five at most, in truth against but 4, & they agreed that the rector with any two Trustees might choose another Tutor. And in the mean time the House was almost ready to be raised, and was raised in the first week of Octob<sup>r</sup>. following.

But all this satisfied not the dissatisfied party, who was resolved to make one Tryal more at y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court at N. Haven Oct. 2 week &c. 1717, & accordingly it was moved by thier Instrum<sup>ts</sup>. violently in the low<sup>r</sup>. House to send for the Trustees & call them to Acco<sup>t</sup>., which after long debate it passed in the upper house to desire y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to appear & they all came as one man accordingly. They at first endeav<sup>d</sup> an Agreement among themselves, but that proved impracticable, Mr. W—ge & B—m standing out to the last. And in the mean time the lower House were passing votes concerning the School and made first the Competition between SayBrook & any other place, upon w<sup>c</sup>. SayBrook had but Six votes, notwithstanding all the friendship Hartford Gentlemen had pretended to; & it now plainly app<sup>r</sup>d. that they never intended SayBrook for the place. Then the House advanced y<sup>e</sup> Competition between Newhaven and Middletown,



and Middletown carried the vote by 2 or 3, but all this discouraged not the Seaside Trustees, who in the mean time consulted first whither y<sup>r</sup>. should offer any thing to the Court? to which y<sup>r</sup>. agreed, & Then what to offer? and at last they Drew up answers to all y<sup>e</sup> Objections made against N Haven & Justified w<sup>t</sup>. they had done, & in the mean time the Upper house was determining in favour of them. At length after many debates, it was agreed to dispute it out before both houses which was accordingly done Saturday Oct. 26, when first His Hon<sup>r</sup>. the Gov<sup>r</sup>. G. Saltonstall Esq<sup>r</sup>. made a Speech signifying his Sorrow to se the difference & propounding the design of the present Convention, viz for the peaceable issue thereof, prescribing y<sup>e</sup> method of y<sup>e</sup> Debate; according to which first M<sup>r</sup>. Davenport in the Name of the Seaside Trustees gave a Memorial of all their proceedings & vindicated the same, showing likewise the Irregular & factious Managem<sup>ts</sup>. up y<sup>e</sup> river; & especially of the petition preferred to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court in May 1716. After which M<sup>r</sup>. Woodbridge offered against what was alledged & endeavoured y<sup>e</sup> Vindication of w<sup>t</sup>. they had done up y<sup>e</sup> river. To w<sup>c</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Davenport made answer. The reasons insisted on in y<sup>e</sup> remonstrance & that of M<sup>r</sup>. Ruggles's being no Trustee were to all impartial Hearers taken off & so y<sup>e</sup> Dispute ended. After w<sup>c</sup>. some of y<sup>e</sup> Discontented of y<sup>e</sup> Lower House argued that the Trustees's Charter intimated, that they must be all agreed, or the School is not settled, but that came to nothing.

The Upper house all as one man agreed that they would advise the Trustees settling y<sup>e</sup> School at N Hav. to go on with it, esteeming thier Cause just and good, & they sent it down to y<sup>e</sup> Lower House, where y<sup>r</sup>. was great throws & pangs & Controversy & mighty Struglings; at length they put it to vote and there were six more for y<sup>e</sup> side of N. Haven than y<sup>e</sup> Contrary; the maj<sup>r</sup>. part thus Joyning with the Upper House to advise y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees to go forward with y<sup>e</sup> Colledge at N. Haven. & thus at length the Upriver party had thier will in having y<sup>e</sup> School settled by the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court, tho sorely



against y<sup>r</sup>. will at N. Haven, but many own'd themselves fairly beat.

The Trustees thereupon Agreed to send again for Mr. Smith to assist in Tuition, & for y<sup>e</sup> Schollars to come down, but to make all things easy allowed six or 8 to abide there till Spring, & allowed according to act of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly, that y<sup>e</sup> *Tutors at Wethersfield & SayBrook* have thier proportion of y<sup>e</sup> Monie given out of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Treasury, and impowred Mr. Ruggles & Mr. Russel jun<sup>r</sup>. to go to Saybrook & demand the Library and thus things were left.

But after some Time, the News was Mr. Smith (tho' indeed he had been down & given encouragm<sup>t</sup>.) would not come down nor any of y<sup>e</sup> Scholl<sup>rs</sup>. & that it was by Mr. W——ges advise, & upon Mr. Ruggles & Mr. Russels demand SayBrook people refused the Library.

These things looked dark & malencholy & even Spightfull & malicious. The Committe of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees then met Dec. 16, & entreated Mr. S. Russel to undertake the Tuition of Schollars again, but he refused and they at length prevailed on Mr. *Moss of Derby & Mr. Noyes of N. H.* to take Care of the *upper Class* who did accordingly & thus things rested all the year, the *Wethersfield Schollars yet continuing there*. The building went forward a pace, so that the *Hall & Library* were *finished by Commencement*. A few days before Commencement came the news of the good Success of some Gentlemens endeavours to procure some Donations from G. Brittain, for at Boston arived a Large Box of Books, the Picture & Arms of K. George and two hundred lb. Sterling worth of English Goods, all to the vallue of 800<sup>lb</sup>, in our money, from Govern<sup>r</sup>. Yale of London, which greatly revived our hearts & Disheartened our opposers, who notwithstanding was resolved to have a *Commencm<sup>t</sup>. at Wethersfeild* and so had one y<sup>e</sup> same Day of o<sup>rs</sup>. here, when they pretended to *Graduate 5 of their Schollars*, but we having so fair a building in so good a progress & so much authority for the Settlement & so much Encouragem<sup>t</sup> therein that we regarded not their managements, & was favoured and Honoured with the pres-

ence of his Hon<sup>r</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall & his Lady & the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Col. Taylor of Boston & the Levtenant Gov<sup>r</sup>. & whole Superiour Court at our Commencem<sup>t</sup>. Sept. 10, 1718, where the Trustees present (those Gentlemen being present) in the Hall of o<sup>r</sup>. New Colledge first most Sollemnly named our Colledge by the name of YALE COLLEDGE to perpetuate the Memory of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Elihu Yale Esq<sup>r</sup>. of London who had granted so Liberal & bountiful a Donation for the perfecting & adorning of it, upon which the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Coll<sup>d</sup>. Taylor represented Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yale in a Speech expressing his great Satisfaction.

Which ended we passed to the Church and there the Commencement was carried on in which affair in the first place after prayer an Oration was had by the Saluting Orator James Pierpont & then the Disputations as usual, which concluded The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Davenport offered an Excellent Oration in Lattin expressing their Thanks to Almighty God, & Mr. Yale under him for so public a favour & so great regard to o<sup>r</sup>. Languishing School after w<sup>e</sup>. were *graduated 10 young men* whereupon the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall in a Lattin Speech congratulated the Trustees on their Speech and on the comfortable appearance of things, with relation to their School.

All which ended the Gentlemen all returned to the Colledge hall where they were Entertained with a splendid Dinner, & The Ladies at the same time were also Entertained in the Library, after which they sung the 4 first verses in y<sup>e</sup> 65 Ps. and so the Day ended. Every thing was managed with so much Order & Splendour that the fame of it extreamly disheartened the Opposers & made opposition fall before it, & an Account of the whole whereof was sent to our Honourable Patron Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yale.

And after a months vacation the Schollars all repaired to Colledg again that had been here with the addition of 5 ffreshmen, & upon the 8 of Octobr. Mr. D. Brown (whom the Trustees had chosen to assist in Tuition of the Colledg) with myself and as many Schollars as with Conveniency could,

first lodged in & inhabited the Colledg, four or 5 Chambers being in a measure finished, & the next Day sat the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court. His Hon<sup>r</sup>. the Govern<sup>r</sup>. desired & had the Trustees Consent that the upper house should sit in the Library & accordingly they did, and towards the end of these Sessions an Act was passed in fav<sup>r</sup>. of the Colledg & for the Encouragement thereof; indeed it met with opposition & difficulty at first but at length the Thing was pretty comfortably issued to the Satisfaction of every man in both Houses.

The Act Expressed That all Controversy about the School should henceforth cease, that the Schollars should come down from Wethersfield and all repair to N. Haven, That Hartford should have 600 pound to build them a State house or an Equivalent, That all the Books of the Library that were at Saybrook should be resigned up, & that Saybrook should have 90 pound for their town School as an equivalent, & every one seemed to be well satisfied in what was done, & so the Court broke up. Upon Oct. 30 came Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yales Donation, with the Arms & Picture of K. George. One thing which also dashed the upriver Gentlemen out of Countenance was that while the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court sat the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Jahleel Brinton of Newport was pleased to bestow 100 pound on the School & to send it down from Hartford (he being there) by one of their own Magistrates, whereas they had been courting him to have given it to them to build there, & besides many that had bidden for the School there, withdrew.

We expected all things would have been easy, but not long after altho *some of the Schollars came down from Wethersfeild* yet Mr. W——ge perswaded *as many as he could to continue*, & they returned to their accustomed managements under the pretense of waiting for a Trustee's Meeting & whereas Mr. Russel & Mr. Ruggles went over to Saybrook for the Library supposing there would be no difficulty yet they continued to refuse the Books. Thus both Wethersfeild & Saybrook rebelled against the Court Acts for present. But at length about the last week of Novemb<sup>r</sup>. the *Schollars came down all to a man* under a pretense of obedience to the Court

Act but indeed (as afterward appeared) with (at least in some of them) a Design to disgrace our Colledg & Tutors, and either to unhorse our Tut<sup>rs</sup>. & get Creatures of their own or to return again & set up a School of their own; however, they came with a mighty Specious appearance of Submission & order. His Hon<sup>r</sup>. the Gov<sup>r</sup>. hearing of the refusal of the Library calls together the Council to Saybrook where they Ordered Mr. Buckingham in whose house they were to deliver y<sup>m</sup>. but he refused, then after pains taken with him by persuasion to no purpose they bound him over to answer to the next Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court in an 100<sup>lb</sup> bond, and immediately ordered the Sheriff to Siez the Books who went accordingly but met with such opposition that he returned again & took new orders with him to break doors & call assistance which he did & broke the door of Mr. Buckinghams house & entered & siezd the Library & it was guarded all night & provision was made next day for the Transporting of it by Carts, but in the night the Carts were broken & confounded & oxen turned away; nevertheless they made new provision & the next day under y<sup>e</sup> Major of y<sup>e</sup> County's Conduct they were transported out of Town, & some of the opposers that talk'd sausily were bound over to the next County Court. The books tho' they met with opposition by the way in that some of the bridges were broken up yet in 3 days they arived at y<sup>e</sup> Colledg at N. Haven, about y<sup>e</sup> beginning of Decemb<sup>r</sup>., but we found about 260 wanting; however all we had being above a 1000 vollums of choice books we fixed up in order in y<sup>e</sup> Library.

The Schollars from Wethersfield tarried w<sup>th</sup>. an appearance of Order (but very immoral in their Conversation so that they became odious to the people of y<sup>e</sup> Town) about a month, when the black design whereof we had for many good reasons been all along suspicious was manifest, for by this time they had got together a Collection of faults (which we all along observed y<sup>r</sup>. were watching for) which they found w<sup>th</sup>. the public Expositions & Disputations & managem<sup>ts</sup>. of the Tut<sup>rs</sup>. & especially the two upper Clases which were under me i.e. one of the 3 Senior Sophisters & 5 of the 10 Jun<sup>r</sup>. Sophisters

leveld their Spight especially against me & y<sup>e</sup> Colledge & the Town. Their objections were sent up clandestinely to Mr. W——ge and as we were informed afterwards were approved by him as sufficient, altho' they were all of them either Designed misunderstandings or misrepresentations or else absolute falshoods; however y<sup>r</sup> attained their end, for presently thereupon comes 3 of the parents of the Scholars to se how it was, & they designed to have them away, but we sent for Mr. Andrew, Mr. Russel being here, & they discoursed the Gentlemen and told them that they had no power to do anything without a meeting of the Trustees, *they Judged the Tutors to be sufficient*, & tho't it hard that the Schollars should be judges for y<sup>e</sup> Contrary and advised them to keep the Schollars here at least till a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees. They went away with a pretense to advise y<sup>e</sup> Schollars to be quiet, but before they went away out of town gave leave for the Schollars to go away. *The Schollars were going away all so fast*, but Mr. Noyes the Minister after advising with the 2 Trustees as abovementioned & Tut<sup>rs</sup> offered to take care of the Jun<sup>r</sup>. Sophisters class himself, & that he would endeavour to procure Mr. Moss to tend the Seniors, so that the Sophimores should be under me & y<sup>e</sup> Freshmen under Mr. Brown. They hereupon saw themselves in a Snare & sent up to take advise with the Gentlemen above, & their Messenger took an unwearied deal of pains to perswade the parents to the Contrary & after 10 days returned with horses for the Scholl<sup>rs</sup> and upon the 10 of Jan<sup>r</sup>y they all went away again but one. Some of them & especially two of the Sen<sup>r</sup>. Sophisters who were honestly disposed went away with great reluctancy & with a design to return again. Thus we were left with but *Seventeen Schollars*, w<sup>th</sup>. whom we yet continued, in a stedly course of business untill the second week in March when by Order of our Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall there was a Meeting of the Gov<sup>r</sup>. & Council and y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at Newhaven, & his Hon<sup>r</sup>. had ordered the Schollars who went away so Disorderly to appear and give an Account of their so doing, but not one appeared nor y<sup>e</sup> Trustees upon y<sup>e</sup> River, whereby it was plain

that their reasons were frivolous & such as themselves were ashamed of; & since they had no opportunity to inquire into that matter, it was Judged Convenient for the answering of all objections that could be made against the provision that was made for instruction & Governm<sup>t</sup>, that there should be a Resident Rector provided. Accordingly at the Advice of y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>. & Council The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees (justifying & commending y<sup>e</sup> Tut<sup>rs</sup>. finding not the least fault in them) chose the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Timothy Cutler y<sup>e</sup> Minister of Stratford to be the Resident Rector for the Present till the next meeting w<sup>c</sup> should be on the 3<sup>d</sup> of June, & thereupon y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Cutler was applyed unto by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees, and consented to come over and take Care of y<sup>e</sup> Colledg till the next Meeting & on y<sup>e</sup> 24 of March came, & undertook y<sup>e</sup> Affair & instructed one Class, & the Tut<sup>rs</sup>. Mr. Brown & myself yet continued also in the Colledg, & The Rector & Tut<sup>rs</sup>. together conspired in promoting the Instruction & order of y<sup>e</sup> Colledg, & thus things were to remain till the next Meeting, & the Schollars were to return down to N. Haven again.

But notwithstanding this provision, yet the Schollars above came not Down but yet continued under Mr. Williams & Hall and carried on their business, and great endeavours were used in the discontented parts of y<sup>e</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> to procure the leaving out of o<sup>r</sup>. Excellent Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall and set up Mr. Gould, and indeed they had but too nearly effected it, & Mr Woodb—ge & Mr. Buck—m were chosen Deputies for the Town of Hartford; their projection was that if Mr. Gould were at y<sup>e</sup> Head of the upper house & Mr. W—ge of the lower, they might effect something destructive to the Colledg at N. Haven.

But the Election approached when the Gov<sup>r</sup>. was chosen as before and their measures broken: Mr. Buck—m would not set in the Lower house; Mr. W—d—ge came & upon offering to take y<sup>e</sup> Deputies oath was refused and voted out of the house by a major part of y<sup>e</sup> house by four or five & their objection was his having charged the Gov<sup>r</sup>. & Council of the breach of the 6<sup>th</sup>. & 8<sup>th</sup>. Commands in what they had done at

Saybrook about the books whereupon he was tried and the Lower house acquitted him of Defamation, yet he stands condemned of it by the upper house.<sup>1</sup> Thus they were not only disappointed but defeated in their designs; and had no further hopes, but the Majority of both houses voted the addition of 40<sup>lb.</sup> per annum to the Colledg Salary for the maintenance of the Rector.

The Trustees met according to their agreement on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of June, some of them, & confirmed their choice of M<sup>r</sup>. Cutler & procured the Subscription of 7 or 8 Trustees to the Choice & offered 140<sup>lb.</sup> per annum, and agreed y<sup>t</sup> some of their body should concert matters with Stratford about removing their Minist<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>r</sup>. Cutler undertook the further Care of the Colledge, & in three weeks time all the upriver Schollars came down again who for a month or two had been in no business.

#### LXXXV. LETTER OF COTTON MATHER

January 14, 1718

[From a copy in Quincy's *History of Harvard University*, vol. 1, pp. 524-526, Cambridge, 1840]

The letter was addressed to Governor Elihu Yale, of London.

Boston, New England,  
14th d. 11th month, 1717-18

Sir,

. . . . . The Colony of Connecticut, having for some years had a College at Saybrook without a collegious way of living for it, have lately begun to erect a large edifice for it in the town of New Haven. The charge of that expensive building is not yet all paid, nor are there yet any funds of revenues for salaries to the Professors and instructors to the society.

<sup>1</sup> Voluminous papers relative to this trial of the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford, in 1719, are preserved in the State Library.



Sir, though you have your felicities in your family, which I pray God continue and multiply, yet certainly, if what is forming at New Haven might wear the name of **YALE COLLEGE**, it would be better than *a name of sons and daughters*. And your munificence might easily obtain for you such a commemoration and perpetuation of your valuable name, as would indeed be much better than an Egyptian pyramid.

We have an excellent friend, our Agent, Mr. Jeremiah Dummer, who has been a tender, prudent, active and useful patron of the infant College at Connecticut. . . . . He will doubtless wait upon you, and propose to you, and concert with you the methods in which your benignity to New Haven may be best expressed.

Nor will it be any disadvantage unto your person or family, for a good people to make mention of you in their prayers unto the glorious Lord, as one who has loved their nation, and supported and strengthened the seminary from whence they expect the supply of all their synagogues. . . . .

I subscribe, Sir,

Your most sincere friend and servant,

COTTON MATHER.

LXXXVI. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY  
DUMMER

March 12, 1718

[From the original in the State Library]

Sr.

. . . . . In your last Letter you mention'd the receipt of the Catalogue of your Library, but took no notice of having receiv'd another case of books at the same time, which however I hope went safe to you. I took no bill of Ladeing for 'em because the Master carryed 'em Gratis. I am endeavouring to get you a Present from Mr. Yale for the finishing your



Colledge, of which I shall write you more particularly in a little time. . . . .

I am, Sr,

The Colony's & Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

JER DUMMER.

Lond<sup>o</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. March 1717/8

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gurdon Saltonstal Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Governour of y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Connecticut

LXXXVII. PROPOSAL OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 29, 1718

[From the original *Journal* in the Secretary of State's  
Office]

This proposal was not agreed to by the Upper House; but as its *Journal* for this date is not preserved, details are lacking.

This House Considering y<sup>e</sup> Unsettled State of The Collegiate School as represented by Sev<sup>r</sup>l. of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees, & other of our Rev<sup>d</sup>. Elders, & Considering y<sup>e</sup> Great Dissatisfaction of y<sup>e</sup> Country in Gen<sup>l</sup>. do conclude, y<sup>t</sup> in Order to its Flourishing & Having y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>a</sup>. Government, it must be settled somewhere near Connecticut River And y<sup>t</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> Present & untill it be so settled the Hundred Pounds Granted to y<sup>e</sup> Tutors shall be Divided between y<sup>e</sup> Tutors at Wethers<sup>fld</sup>. Saybrook & N. Haven, according to y<sup>e</sup> Proportion of Schollars under y<sup>ir</sup>. Tuition, & y<sup>t</sup> it be recommended to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Commencements be Interchangably one Year at Wethers<sup>fld</sup>. & one year at NHaven, Till it be Farther settled to y<sup>e</sup> Satisfaction of y<sup>e</sup> Assembly.—Past in y<sup>e</sup> House by 35 Voices, ag: 21 Voices

LXXXVIII. LETTER OF TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE AND  
THOMAS BUCKINGHAM

June 2, 1718

[From an early copy of the original in the University  
Archives, made about 1733]

Addressed to their Fellow-Trustees.

Hartford June 2, 1718

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Gent<sup>rs</sup>.

We received yo<sup>rs</sup> giving us notice of y<sup>e</sup> meeting of the Trustees at Gilford, & desiring our attendance there. Such is o<sup>r</sup>. desire of a peaceable accomodation of the differences respecting the Collegiate School that we are willing to take much more pains than that if we could have any prospect of putting an end to them. they are burthensome to us: grievous to the Country & a hurt to o<sup>r</sup>. holy Religion, giving the enemies to Learning & Religion too much occasion to rejoice, & a breaking of the bond of charity between the good, & we think that it highly concerns us that preach y<sup>e</sup> gospel of peace to others to be Leaders therein ourselves. tis in vain to propagate that we are the Persons that make all the trouble till you can reconcile us to this, that those that are Sufferers are obliged not only to bear patiently what injury is done them but alsoe to be well pleased with those y<sup>t</sup>. doe it, & that they are y<sup>e</sup> troublers y<sup>t</sup>. complain of it. we o<sup>r</sup>selves are very desirous to doe what is proper to us to end the disputes & to put an end to these troubles by some practical accomodation, unto w<sup>ch</sup>. the vote of the Lower house this Court (a Copie of w<sup>ch</sup>. is inclosed) doth fairly lead up. They (as you will see) advise the Trustees to consent that the Comencements be interchangeably held at Wethersfield & Newhaven till y<sup>e</sup> place of the School be fully determined. We freely comply with y<sup>e</sup> advice & desire the same of yo<sup>r</sup>selves, & are hopefull it may be a very fit medium to promote our unity & peace, w<sup>ch</sup> we hope

hath such weight that you will as readily comply with it as we doe; & we shall (if refused) as we think have just reason to suppose that a peaceable composing of our difficulties in a way soe agreeable to the greater part of y<sup>e</sup> Country is not enough at heart with you & y<sup>t</sup> you have a purpose of forcing others to a compliyance with you w<sup>ch</sup> we cannot think is a spirit should govern christians much less the **Ministers** of a peaceable Gospel; the wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, Gentle & **easy to be entreated**. We look upon yo<sup>r</sup>selves as those y<sup>t</sup> have seperated us from you, & that we are the Persons that desire to be at unity, & that strife & variance should be laid aside. if you see cause to take the above-mentioned advice we shall desire y<sup>e</sup> same service may be performed by M<sup>r</sup>. Andrew as formerly; we desire noe alteration there, & o<sup>r</sup>. Scholars will readily come to him to take the usual directions. we pray these things may be well weighed & not rejected on niceties & y<sup>t</sup> you would give us a speedy answer & if you comply with us please to continue or adjourn your meeting to y<sup>e</sup> next week & we shall endeavour to wait upon you. We desire yo<sup>r</sup>. prosperity & are yo<sup>rs</sup>. in the Duties of Love & peace.

T. WOODBRIDGE  
T. BUCKINGHAM

LXXXIX. LETTER OF BENJAMIN COLMAN

June 4, 1718

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, p. 184, Boston, 1904]

The writer was graduated at Harvard College in 1692, and was now one of the Fellows of that Corporation, being pastor of the Brattle Street Church in Boston.

The son of Woodbridge referred to in this letter was Elisha Lord, a child of Mrs. Woodbridge by a former husband.

Rev<sup>d</sup> & dear Sir,

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I hope you will excuse my not answering your last to me sooner, remembring what a busie time it has been of late with me. But y<sup>e</sup> more I think & the more I have enquired into ye Circumstances of your College, the more I grow in my Opinion that it is necessary for the Well-being of it that ye Classes with Mr. Williams do not desert it. I am assured also that it will be heavily born by the Gentlemen Overseers & others in Governm<sup>t</sup> with you, who have come into y<sup>e</sup> Vote for y<sup>e</sup> building at New-haven. And since ye House is now fixed there, how much so ever it might be desired by you that it had not been so, I know your generous public spirit will now dictate to you ye best Methods wherein you may support & serve it. It will I fear weaken & dishearten your Accademy when your Commencement comes on, if several Graduates, it may be of ye best Literature should decline receiving their Honours from her. We must in a thousand instances deny our Selves for y<sup>e</sup> common good. I cannot therefore bring my Self to be willing that any number of your Scholars should at this critical time offer themselves to us, but if your Son alone do so I have nothing against it, but shal be glad of any Opportunity to testify my regards, unto you, & how much I am

Rev Sir Your Affectionate humble Servt.

Boston. June 4. 1718.

BENJ. COLMAN.

For the Reverend  
Mr. Timothy Woodbridge  
Pastor of a Church in  
Hartford.

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XC. LETTER OF THE TRUSTEES

June 5, 1718

[From the original draft in the University Archives]

An answer to the letter of Messrs. Woodbridge and Buckingham, of June 2.

Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Gentlemen,

Being convened at Guilford (where we might have hoped, to meet all y<sup>e</sup> Trustees concerned for y<sup>e</sup> welfare of y<sup>e</sup> collegiate School, & desirous y<sup>t</sup> there might be no misunderstandings among Gentlemen of such a character as hath been to y<sup>e</sup> great disadvantage of y<sup>e</sup> holy religion we are to assert, maintaine, & propagate, as well as y<sup>e</sup> detriment of y<sup>e</sup> nursery of Learning we have y<sup>e</sup> care of, & ought to secure and defend from those y<sup>t</sup> haue a Spirit against such means of Education,) We found yo<sup>r</sup>. places empty, but finally Rec<sup>d</sup>. yo<sup>r</sup>. Lines, were glad to see you have such serious thoughts of full-filling y<sup>e</sup> trust reposed in you, & so desirous to put an end to y<sup>e</sup> troubles y<sup>t</sup> haue been in y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup>. about y<sup>e</sup> School. We hope we haue done nothing willingly to hurt any of those great interests of y<sup>e</sup> school, our holy religion, or y<sup>e</sup> credit of y<sup>e</sup> ministry, & these affairs lye so neare our hearts y<sup>t</sup> we shal not do any thing to shut your selues out of our company, nor yours out of our favour; we haue & shal show all y<sup>e</sup> favour & condensation to those y<sup>t</sup> are uneasie, as is consistent w<sup>th</sup>. Govern<sup>t</sup> & good order, w<sup>t</sup>ever reports or surmises may be spread abroad to the contrary.

We cannot see it consistent w<sup>th</sup>. our publick work, or family interest, to continue o<sup>r</sup>. meeting, or adjourn y<sup>e</sup> same to y<sup>e</sup> next week: But propose that if any thing y<sup>t</sup> we can remoue be grievous to you, or you haue any proposals to make w<sup>ch</sup>. are likely to be consistent w<sup>th</sup>. w<sup>t</sup>. we have regularly done that you signify them to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Rector Mr Andrew, who may ex officio relieve you, or if need be speedily call an other meeting of the Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Trustees to accommodate these affairs.

We also would inform that sufficient provision is made at New Haven for instructing & governing y<sup>e</sup> Schollars belonging to y<sup>e</sup> School.

We would always shew our selues men of peace, as we are preachers, & desire to be propagators thereof, & hope we shal always so appear to persons y<sup>t</sup> do not beleive all y<sup>e</sup> reports y<sup>t</sup> are spread abroad, & do carefully veiw our actions & proceedings. Wee being full of busines & in haste, may not add, only our desires y<sup>t</sup> our & your endeauours to do service in the world, & for our generation in all our way & walk and particularly respecting y<sup>e</sup> School may be succeeded of the Lord, & that we are yours in all X<sup>an</sup> bonds

JAMES NOYES in the name  
of the Trustees.

Guilford June 5<sup>th</sup> 1718

### XCI. LETTER OF COTTON MATHER

August 25, 1718

[From a copy in Quincy's *History of Harvard University*, vol. 1, pp. 526-527, Cambridge, 1840]

Addressed to Governor Saltonstall.

25th d. 6th month, 1718.

Sir,

'Tis an unspeakable pleasure unto me, that I have been in any measure capable of serving so precious a thing as your College at New Haven.

Governor Yale now gives you a sensible proof, that he has begun to take it under his patronage and protection. But I am informed, that what he now does is very little in proportion to what he will do, when once he finds, by the name of it, that it may claim an adoption with him. Yale College cannot fail of Mr. Yale's generous and growing bounty. I confess, that it was a great and inexcusable presumption in me, to make myself so far the godfather of the beloved infant as to propose a name for it. But I assured myself, that if a suc-

cession of solid and lasting benefits might be entailed upon it, your Honor and the Honorable Trustees would pardon me, and the proposal would be complied withal.

It is a thousand pities, that the dear infant should be in danger of being strangled in the birth, by a dissension of your good people about the place where it shall be nourished in the wilderness. But probably the Yalean assistance to New Haven will prove a decisive circumstance, which will dispose all to an acquiescence there. . . . .

Your Honor's most sincere servant,

COTTON MATHER.

## XCII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 10, 1718

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

Henry Caner, who now begins to figure in the College records, was an Englishman by birth, a master carpenter of reputation in Boston, who had been invited to settle in New Haven, to superintend the building of the new College house, and otherwise to prosecute his calling.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Collegiate School at Commencement in Newhaven. Sept 10th 1718.

Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes  
M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew  
M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel  
M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Webb  
M<sup>r</sup> John Davenport  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ruggles  
M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes was chosen Moderator of this Meeting  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Davenport & Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel were chosen Scribes of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting.

Agreed & Ordered that the following Act be put & stand upon our Record as the Act of us Subscribing

Generosissima honoratissimi Domini Elihu Yale Armigeri Donatione, vigilantes Scholæ Academicæ in splendido Novi Porti Connecticutensis Oppido constitutæ Curatores Ædificium Collegiate inceptum erectumque perficere capaces redditi, Honorem tali tantoque Mæcenati, Patronoque debitum animo gratissimo meditantes, memoriamque tanti Beneficii in hanc præcipue Coloniam collati, in omne Ævum modo optimo perducere studiosi; Nos Curatores Negotii tanti in commune præsertim hujus Provinciæ populi bonum Momenti Cura honorati *ὠμωθυμαδον* consentimus, statuimus, ordinamus Nostras Ædes Academicas patroni munificentissimi nomine appellari, atque Yalense Collegium nominari ut hæc Provincia diuturnum Viri adeo Generosi qui tanta Benevolentia tantaque Nobilitate in Commodum illorum maximum propriamque incolarum et in præsentis & in futuris Sæculis Utilitatem consuluit, Monumentum retineat & conservet.

JAMES NOYES  
 MOSES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOH. DAVENPORT  
 THOMAS RUGGLES  
 STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

Agreed & Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel do write to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col<sup>l</sup>. William Tailor & pray his hon<sup>r</sup> to deliver the Pictures, Books, & Goods which are the donation of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Elihu Yale Esq<sup>r</sup> of London to this Colledge, to their order, & we do hereby desire, & empower s<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Andrew & M<sup>r</sup> Russel to receive & dispose of all s<sup>d</sup>. Pictures, Books, & goods according to y<sup>e</sup> true intent of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Dono<sup>r</sup>. & at their discretion to Convert s<sup>d</sup>. goods into moneys, & to defray all charges of s<sup>d</sup>. goods &c, & to pay such sums as are due to M<sup>r</sup> Caner, & to transmit the remainder to y<sup>e</sup> School Treasury for y<sup>e</sup> service of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees w<sup>th</sup> all convenient Speed. Voted & passed.



We agree & order that the Rector (pro tempore) w<sup>th</sup> any two, or three of the Trustees be impowred, & are hereby impowred to carry on y<sup>e</sup> Commencement and give Degrees, & sign Diplomas until farther Order. Voted & passed.

We Agree, & Order that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel, & M<sup>r</sup> John Davenport, one, or both of them Reckon with M<sup>r</sup> Caner, & do draw out of the moneys of this School, here, or at Boston such sums as are due to s<sup>d</sup>. Caner, & make him payment, & further to determine s<sup>d</sup>. Caners farther imployment about y<sup>e</sup> Service of our Colledge, as they shall find best. Voted & passed.

The Trustees now Ordered the Treasurer to pay M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Johnson Tutor the Sum of twenty five pounds as part of his Salary for the past year.

Also an Order for four pounds eight shillings & five pence to Cap<sup>t</sup> Munson as remainder due for the Commencement dinner. Agreed & ordered that the Books of Noble Benefactors given to our Collegiate School, which we have named Yale Colledge, being brought into o<sup>r</sup>. Colledge Library be committed to the particular care of y<sup>e</sup> Senior Tutor for the time being, who is hereby allowed to Lend to y<sup>e</sup> resident Members of the School, or Non residing Schollars, or any other out of y<sup>e</sup> Library at no time, but according to y<sup>e</sup> direction and allowance of the Rector for the time being untill, further Order be made concerning the same, Always excepting the Trustees of this Colledge, who reserve to themselves the Liberty of them. Voted in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Andrew do write according to his direction to M<sup>r</sup> Henry flint to obtain of him some good encouragement that he will accept the offer of a Rectors post in our Yale-Colledge, our eyes being upon him for Rector; Voted in the affirmative.

We now choose M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Brown of this Town Junior Tutor of our Colledge. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative.

We make choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Munson of this town Steward of Yale-Colledge. Voted in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Schollars of this Colledge, after the vaca-

tion, do enter & live in the house erected, as many as shal fill up the Rooms prepared for their reception, under the Tutors direction. Voted in the affirmative.

Agreed & Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel be desired & impowred, & is hereby impowred to procure & make purchase of the glass & nails, brick, & what ever is needful, for carrying on the Colledge building, & to draw money out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury of y<sup>e</sup> School, or at Boston, out of y<sup>e</sup> Money belonging to the School to defray the charge thereof. Voted in the affirmative.

Attest

SAM <sup>L</sup> RUSSEL	}	Scribes
JOH. DAVENPORT		

### XCIIL. LETTERS OF THANKS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 10-12, 1718

[From contemporaneous copies in the University Archives]

The first two letters are in the handwriting of Tutor Samuel Johnson, with autographed signatures; the third (addressed undoubtedly to the Rev. Cotton Mather) is in the handwriting of the Senior Trustee, James Noyes. A fourth letter was also written, to General Francis Nicholson, Governor of Nova Scotia (who had been in close relations with Connecticut a few years before during his command of the troops sent against Canada), acknowledging a donation to the Library; this is here omitted, as adding no points of interest.

The specially grandiloquent style of the letter to Governor Yale may be explained by its being in part a version of the Rev. Mr. Davenport's Latin oration on the Commencement stage.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Sr.

Our Concernment with the Collegiate School here gives us Special Advantages and lays us under Deepest Obligations

well to observe the various Disposals of Divine providence thereabouts; & we may truly say there is nothing to us more worthy of our Special remark, than these repeated instances of favour to our Infant School from generous Gentlemen, so remote from, & so little interested in the same, as those in London thro' your unwearied instrumentality, which we now, & alwayes acknowledge with deepest Gratitude; and if it be (as we hope it is) an indication that our School shall be established a blessing in the kingdom of our Great Lord in these American Corners of the Earth; then such who so generously concern themselves for its flourishing, shall neither fail of due acknowledgments here, nor a glorious reward in the Coming World.

Indeed Sr. our small beginnings ashame us that we can no more suitably eccho back our grateful acknowledgments from our new Hall in our new Yale Colledg, as our hearty Acknowledgment of our bountiful Benefactor, the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Elihu Yale, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Also Sr. we enjoy now the Great Satisfaction to view the room prepared for the reception of your very vulluable Collection of books which we hope will shortly adorn the same at a better rate than any America can pretend to; here we shall (we trust) & now do offer as our sincere praises to God, and unfeigned thanks to your hon<sup>ble</sup>. Self whose name we shall always mention w<sup>th</sup>. hon<sup>r</sup>. & humbly crave we may still enjoy your refreshing Aspect upon o<sup>r</sup>. Colledg. So y<sup>r</sup>. hon<sup>r</sup>. shall further add to the great Obligations we are laid under ever to subscribe o<sup>r</sup>selves

Y<sup>r</sup>. hon<sup>ra</sup>. most humble & oblieged Servants

N Haven Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. 1718

JAMES NOYES  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
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JOSEPH WEBB  
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THOMAS RUGGLES  
STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Jer. Dummer

Honourable Sir

We Trustees of the Collegiate School of Connecticut, fixed in the Ancient famous Town of NewHaven, have convened on our Academical Solemnities, where we have had the Honour done us of seeing the names of the famous Books sent us from y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>. appearing in the Catalogue of the Books of the noble-spirited Benefactors of our School, and of knowing your most generous Bounty of a Large Quantity of very agreeable Goods, together with a further Ornament of choice Books, his Majesties Picture & arms are safely arived at Boston, and had the Happiness of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Coll. Tayler, Representing y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>., gracing the Solemnities of our Commencm<sup>t</sup>. In whose presence, a great number of Learned Men & fautors of Learning attending, We the Trustees in the Large & Splendid Hall of our Building, Have done our School the Honour of naming it with your Illustrious Name & have called it Yale-Colledge, and read off a Memorial of it in the Lattin Tongue, and also a Memorial of the Same in the English Tongue, answered with a Counterpart in Lattin, which Coll. Tayler was pleased to say was very agreeable to him representing y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>. From the Hall the Schollars in the Way usual walked to the Meeting house, where in the presence of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall & his Generous Lady, the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Coll. Tayler representing your Person, the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>. Gold, with sundry worshipful Assistants, the Judges of the Circuit, a Great Numb<sup>r</sup>. of Rev<sup>d</sup>. Ministers, & Learned men, & of a great frequency, your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. bounty hath been opened with the great gratitude by the Saluting Orator, & after the Disputations were well performed, in an oration managed by one of our Body hath been proclaimed the wonderful Goodness of a most Bountiful God, & the Benefits of Liberal Donors, & in a Distinguishing Degree the Admirable Munificence of your Hon<sup>r</sup>. with earnest Prayers to the God of all grace to inrich your Hon<sup>r</sup>. more and more with all Spiritual Blessings; & that after the long Continuance of a publick blessing so rich in Good works, a multitude, who have been Satisfied with your beneficences, may receive their Generous Benefactor into Everlasting Taber-

nacles. Immediately after which ten Deserving proficientes received their Degrees, which being given, our Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Governo<sup>r</sup>. Saltonstall was pleased in a famous Latin Speech to do us the Hon<sup>r</sup>. of crowning the Solemnities of the Day, extolling with profound respect your Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Name. The Solemnities being perfected, in Colledge Order from the Meetinghouse we returned to Yale-Colledge Hall & Library, wherein were Generously Entertained with a large Colledge Dinner a vast number, & in the Library y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>rs</sup>. Representative the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Ingenuous & Generous Coll. Tayler was pleased to seat himself at the Table of the Ladies. The Day hath, with Divine Countenance, been carryed on in a Splendid manner. We rejoyce in the Goodness of Almighty God, who hath provided for our School so honourable a protection, & revived our Hopes, that so great & Glorious a work, for the Hon<sup>r</sup>. of Almighty God, for the Service of Religion and Learning, for the Ornament & weal of our Colony, & in particular for the Accomplishment of many your worthy Relations may under your great name flourish & increase in Glory.

As we offer humble & hearty Thanks to y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>. for your many bounties, so we are & shall be constant Solicitors at the Throne of Grace, that your abundant Charity and Liberality flowing from your pious Breast may be found to the making very weighty your Crown of Glory to be received from the hands of adorably free grace in the Day of our Lord Jesus: & we humbly desire Leave to do our Selves the Hon<sup>r</sup>. of Subscribing, Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Sir

Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. most obliged, most Thankfull  
& most obedient Servants

New-Haven, Sept. 12, 1718

JAMES NOYES  
SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSEL  
JOSEPH WEBB  
JOH. DAVENPORT  
THOMAS RUGGLES  
STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Elihu Yale

Very Reverend Sr.

The Trustees of the Collegiate School fixed at New Haven haveing been favoured with an encourageing account of your noble and charitable regard to our infant Nursery evidenced in your excellent Letter to the Honourable Elihu Yale Esq<sup>r</sup>. for the moveing his generous spiritt to bountifull benefaction to our school, which hath had so good success, that we have the Joyfull intelligence, that the Honourable Gentleman hath very largely contributed towards the finishing our edifice, as doubtless your selfe hath heard; his large donation arrived at Boston hath obliged the Trustees to give our building the name of Yale's Colledge, on our last Commencement the tenth of this month; and we remembring, how far your Rev<sup>d</sup>. selfe hath honoured and favoured us in your seasonable endeavours to incourage our great undertakeing, which we hope will be for the glory of God, and the advancement of religion and Learning in the present and succeeding generations, do with greatest gratitude acknowledge your commiseration of our low circumstances and readiness to do so great a service for the interest of our glorious Lord in this part of the Country, and confess our deep obligations unto yourselfe, not doubting your future forwardness to incourage the same good work according to your opportunity, and requesting your constant prayers for divine guidance in so difficult a day among us, we remain

Very Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sr.

Your most humble servants

**XCIV. INVITATION OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE RETURN  
OF SECEDED STUDENTS**

September 12, 1718

[From the University Archives]

The Trustees desirous in order to remoue y<sup>e</sup> unhappy circumstances that haue of Late attended y<sup>e</sup> affairs of this

colledge, whereby several Schollars haue been prevented from receiuing their Degrees respectiuey according to their standing therein, on y<sup>e</sup> Commencement held here the day before yesterday; and to improue y<sup>e</sup> happy smile of diuine Providence in y<sup>e</sup> great bounty of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>rb</sup>le. Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yale bestowed thereon unto a general reconciliation; the Trustees haue agreed & do order that if any of y<sup>e</sup> aforementioned Schollars do produce to y<sup>e</sup> Rector of this Colledge a Testimony, under y<sup>e</sup> hand of any two Trustees of their having been approved by them as qualified & worthy of y<sup>e</sup> degree of Batchelour of Arts, on terms as easy as can reasonably be desired the Rector shal giue to each of them a Diploma in y<sup>e</sup> usual form, as a testimony of their being admitted to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Degree, & y<sup>e</sup> Jun<sup>r</sup>. Schollars shal be received w<sup>th</sup>out any exception; provided they come to this Colledge and submit to y<sup>e</sup> Orders of y<sup>e</sup> same, before y<sup>e</sup> winter immediately following the date hereof.

Newhaven Sept<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1718

JAMES NOYES  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 SAMUEL RUSSEL  
 JOSEPH WEBB  
 JOHN DAVENPORT  
 THOMAS RUGGLES  
 STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

XCV. ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October, 1718

[From the official copy in the University Archives]

Att a General Assembly Holden at Newhaven on the ninth Day of October Anno Dom 1718

An Act for the Encouragement of Yale Colledge

Whereas some difficulty and Misunderstandings hapned in this Colony upon the fixing the Collegiate School and building the House for it at NewHaven, therefore for a finall Conclusion of said differences and Misunderstandings and for pre-

venting the Unhappy Consequences that might Enſue and for the Introducing a good and happy Agreement in this as well as in all our publick Affairs, It is Reſolved by this Aſſembly that the following propoſalls be Concluded upon as an Expedient for thoſe Ends and it is hereby Agreed & Enacted—

1 that the Annuall Sallary allowed out of the publick Treasury to ſaid Collegiate School for the year paſt ſhall be Distributed to the Tutors at New Haven Weathersfield and Saybrook in proportion to the Scholars under their Tuition.

2<sup>dly</sup>. That the Scholars who performed their Exercise at Weathersfield ſhall have their Degree at Newhaven without further Examination and all Schollars Entered in the School at Weathersfield ſhall be Admitted to the ſame Standing in the School at Newhaven.

3<sup>dly</sup>. That there ſhall be five hundred pounds allowed for the building a State Houſe at Hartford which money ſhall be procured by the Sale of Lands belonging to this Colony and put into the hands of ſuch Committee as this Aſſembly ſhall Appoint for that Uſe. And it is ordered that the Scholars at Weathersfield come down to the School at Newhaven.

4<sup>thly</sup>. That fifty pounds be procured by the Sale of ſuch Lands as Abovesaid and given to the Town of Saybrook for the uſe of the School in ſ<sup>d</sup>. Town.

5<sup>thly</sup>. That the Governor and Council be deſired to give, at the deſire of the ſ<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of ſaid Colleage, ſuch Orders as they think proper for Removing the Books belonging to the ſaid Colleage left at Saybrook to the Library provided for the placing them in Yale Colleage at NewHaven.

6<sup>thly</sup>. That the Several particulars Abovementioned that Relate to the ſ<sup>d</sup>. Colleage be Recommended by the Governor and Council in the Name of this Aſſembly to the Trustees of the ſaid School for their Obſervation and that ſd Colleage be carryed on, promoted, and Incouraged at Newhaven and all due Care taken for its flouriſhing.



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 XCVI. ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF  
 CONNECTICUT

October 28, 1718

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 90-91,  
 Hartford, 1872]

At a Meeting of the Governour and Council in New Haven,  
 October 28th, 1718.

*Ordered*, that the secretary draw out the act passed in this Assembly for encouraging the proceedings in Yale College in this town, and inclose it in a letter to the Reverend Mr. Andrew, rector of the said school. . . . .

*Ordered*, that the secretary write an order on Mr. Daniel Buckingham of Say Brook, requiring him to deliver to the rector of Yale College, or his order, the books and papers belonging to that college, which were by direction of the trustees of the same left in his house, when the said college was removed to N. Haven, and which he has held in his keeping since that time; and that the said order be inclosed in the forementioned letter to the rector. . . . .

XCVII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF TIMOTHY GREEN

October 30, 1718

[From the original, in the library of the American Anti-  
 quarian Society]

Addressed to the Rev. Cotton Mather. The author was the well-known printer, of New London.

New London, Octob. 30, 1718

Reverend, Honoured,  
 and Dear Sir,

. . . . . Yesterday I came home from New-Haven, & can inform you that there is like to be Peace in our Colony re-

specting Yale College, the Scholars at Weathersfield &c are to go to New-Haven, & take their Place there according to the years, they have been learning. So things are like to be easie. . . . .

Your very humble servant,  
TIMOTHY GREEN.

**XCVIII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF GURDON SALTONSTALL**

November 20, 1718

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 185-186, Boston, 1904]

The writer was the Governor, and the recipient the Secretary, of the Colony.

N Lond: Nov: 20 1718

Mr Secretary.

This comes express to You, for a Copy of the Act of the late Assembly, respecting the Settlement of the Colledge Affairs, which I would have, with y<sup>r</sup> publick Seal annexed to It, sent to Me, by this Messenger. . . . . I am S<sup>r</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

G: SALTONSTALL

P. S.

You have among the Papers left on the Council board at N Haven, when I took my leave of You; The Minutes of the Orders We made, relating to the Money to be paid to the Trustees, and the Colledge Books at Saybrook; which You must also Send Me, with an Account what You have done upon those Orders. . . . .

Mr Secry Wylls.

Since my writing what is before, I understand Some Persons have a design to proceed at Weathersfield, in opposition to the Act of the late Assembly, relating to a Colledge at N Haven, & Schollars belonging to It at Weathersfield, Which thô I can hardly believe, Yet I think It may be best for You to draw a Copy of that Act, and cause It to be delivered to the Constable of Weathersfield with an Order as from Me, that he publish It immediately in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Town. Which You are accordingly to take care of; This will be a sufficient Means to prevent any Such Disorder as is said to be designed there.

. . . . .

XCIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF  
CONNECTICUT

December 2-4, 1718

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 92-98,  
Hartford, 1872]

Mr. Daniel Buckingham was a son of one of the original Trustees, the Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Saybrook, and an ancestor of the distinguished War-Governor, William A. Buckingham. He was a leading citizen of Saybrook, often (after 1713) a deputy to the General Court, and Justice of the Peace from 1716.

At a Meeting of the Governour and Council in Say Brook, December 2<sup>d</sup>, 1718.

The Governour communicated to the board the return made by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Russell and Mr. Thomas Rugles of the order made by this board October the 28th, 1718, . . . . . which said order was directed to Mr. Daniel Buckingham of Say Brook, requiring him to deliver the books and papers belonging to Yale College at New Haven, which he the said Buckingham had in his house and custody in Saybrook, to the Rev. Mr. Samuel Andrew, rector of the said college, or to his order; which said order was by the said

rector indorsed to the said Mr. Russell and Mr. Ruggles, or either of them, who were appointed by him to receive them. And their said return thereupon sheweth, that on the 11th day of November, they by virtue of said order demanded the said books and papers, and that the said Buckingham did refuse to deliver them, declaring he did not know that he had any books belonging to Yale College, but when he did, and should receive authentick orders, he would deliver them.

Upon consideration of this matter: Resolved by this board, that the said Buckingham refusing to deliver the said books and papers upon the said order given pursuant to the said act of the Assembly, has a manifest appearance of great misdemeanour and contempt of authority; and that a precept be issued to the sheriff of the county of New London, signed by Capt. Christopher Christophers, clerk of the Council, by order of this board, commanding him in his Majesties name to arrest the said Daniel Buckingham, and have him before the Governour and Council, tomorrow morning at ten of the clock, at the house of Major John Clark in Saybrook, to be examined concerning his said misdemeanour and contempt, and dealt with as the law directs.

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At a Meeting of the Governour and Council in Saybrook, December 3d, 1718.

. . . . . This day the sheriff of the county of New London, by virtue of the precept given him and dated yesterday, brought Mr. Daniel Buckingham before this board. The precept was read in his hearing. . . . . And the act of the late Assembly, intituled An Act for the encouragement of Yale College, was also read to him. And the said Buckingham . . . . . answered, that he could only say as he had done. . . . .

It was thereupon declared to him, that the collegiate school to which the said books and papers demanded did belong, was erected by this government; that they had put the said school into the care of divers trustees, and had settled and approved of their carrying on the affairs of the said school at New

Haven, as also of the name of Yale College, given to the said collegiate school; and had not only directed the trustees in the removal of the books and papers belonging to it, to the room prepared for them in Yale College at New Haven, but had provided particularly that the necessary orders for the removal of them should be given by the Governour and Council; and that since he had accepted the charge or keeping of the said books and papers, he was thereby an under officer or servant of the said school, in the nature of a library keeper, and was absolutely under the will of the trustees or masters of the said school, to render the said books to their order and to the use of the said school, as there should be occasion or as they should be required of him by order of the government; and that its unaccountable for any one intrusted in like manner to keep the said books from the use of the said school.

And this board, pursuant to the aforesaid act of Assembly, did moreover require of him the said Buckingham, as intrusted with the keeping of the said books, now to deliver them to this board, that they might give order for the safe conveyance of them to the library in Yale College; which he, the said Buckingham, refused to do, still saying that he did not know he had any books belonging to Yale College.

And it appearing to this board that the books and papers belonging to Yale College are at this present time in the dwelling house of the said Daniel Buckingham, in a chamber of the said house, where they were brought by order of the trustees with consent of said Buckingham, to be kept safe for the use of the said college; and that the said Buckingham in contempt of the aforesaid order for the rendering of them, designing to hold them from said school, and prevent the said trustees of said college, and students therein, from the use of the said books and papers, whereby the declared resolution of the General Assembly to encourage the said school, and the aforesaid act will be greatly defeated, and the orders they have given for that end become ineffectual,

*Ordered,* That a precept be made to the sheriff of the county of New London, requiring him to demand the said books, and

upon his refusal, to enter into the said house and chamber, and deliver and cause them to be delivered to the rector of the said college, Mr. Samuel Andrew, or to either of the gentlemen . . . . . by him appointed to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the said Buckingham do give bond with sureties, in the sum of one hundred pound, to the publick treasury of this Colony, for his appearance at the General Court to be holden at Hartford in May next, to answer for his misdemeanour and contempt, in refusing to deliver the said books and papers, according to the aforesaid act of Assembly, and also for his good behaviour in the mean time, and that he stand committed until he give bond as aforesaid.

And the said Daniel Buckingham as principal, and Nathaniel Chapman and Joseph Dudley as sureties, acknowledge themselves bound joyntly and severally to the publick treasury of this Colony, in a recognizance of one hundred pounds, that the said Daniel Buckingham shall appear at the General Court to be holden at Hartford in May next, to answer for his aforesaid misdemeanour and contempt, and that he shall be of good behaviour in the mean time. . . . .

Whereas the sheriff of the county of New London has certified this board, that this evening, in the execution of a special warrant from this board dated this day, to enter into the house of Daniel Buckingham of Saybrook, . . . . . Abraham Chalker of the said Saybrook resisted him at the door of the said house, by threatening him, that if he came into the said house it should be upon his peril, contrary to the peace of our sovereign lord the King, and the law in such case provided,

*Ordered*, that a precept be directed to the said sheriff, commanding him in his Majesties name to arrest the said Abraham Chalker, and have him before the Governour and Council to-morrow morning at nine of the clock, at the house of Major Clark in said Saybrook, there to answer for the said breach of peace and high misdemeanour.

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At a meeting of the Governour and Council in Saybrook, December 4th, 1718.

The sheriff of the county of New London made return, that by the warrant of this board, dated yesterday, he had entered into the house of Mr. Daniel Buckingham of Saybrook, and in the chamber of said house found several books belonging to Yale College, in New Haven, and was ready to deliver them to the Rev. Mr. Thomas Ruggles, as directed by said warrant.

*Ordered,* That the sheriff have a precept given him, enabling and commanding him to impress men, and carts, and oxen, as shall be sufficient for conveying the said books safely to Guilford, and at the house of Capt. Janna Meigs in the said town, to deliver them to Mr. Ruggles, who pursuant to an act of the last Assembly, intituled an Act for the encouragement of Yale College, has been appointed by the rector of the said college to receive them, taking his receipt of them, and make return to this board. . . . .

C. PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF  
CONNECTICUT

March 11 and 13, 1719

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 98-102,  
Hartford, 1872]

At a meeting of the Governour and Council in New Haven, on Wednesday, March the 11th, 1718/9 . . . . .

The Governour signified to the Council, that he had desired their convening at this time, to visit the trustees of Yale College, and to enquire into the state of it, and particularly into the occasion of several students lately deserting, or refusing to attend order there, said to be returned to Weathersfield, from whence, by especial order of the Assembly, they removed to the said college :

That he had given notice hereof to the rector and trustees of the said college, who were several of them attending for that end, in the said college; and that he had received account

that the Rev. Mr's. Noyes of Stonington and Lyme, trustees, &c. were prevented by their age and indisposition.

William Pitkin, Esq., acquainted this board, that he had communicated to the Rev. Mr. Timothy Woodbridge and Mr. Thomas Buckingham, of Hartford, trustees, &c., the Governour appointing this time for a meeting of the said trustees and the gentlemen of the Council in this place, and read the paragraph of the Governour's letter for that end to them, wherein he signifies to them that, as he had to the rest, so he desired of them to attend at New Haven this meeting, and should accordingly expect them; and that the said Mr. Woodbridge declined going to New Haven, saying he had not advised the scholars in their going to or coming from New Haven, and therefore should not concern himself in that business, and declined going to said Council and meeting of the trustees.

Joseph Talcot, Esq., acquainted this board, that the Rev. Mr. Thomas Buckingham aforesaid, upon reading the Governour's letter to Mr. Pitkin, did say that he had long ago declared to the trustees, that he would never contend any more with them in the affairs of the college, and therefore did not intend any more to concern himself as a trustee in that affair, and thought he should not attend the meeting proposed, with the trustees.

Also, Mr. Pitkin acquainted this board that the said scholars were at Weathersfield, and said to be under the tuition of Mr. Elisha Williams, &c.

The Governour and Council thereupon proceeded from the Council Chamber to Yale College hall, where they were received by the Rev. Mr. Samuel Andrew, rector, and the Rev. Mr. Samuel Russell, and Mr. Thomas Ruggles, trustees of the said college; several other of the said trustees being not yet come into town, but expected.

The Governour acquainted the rector, that the government which had with great satisfaction founded the said college at first by their charter, and had lately professed, with such solemnity, their desire and firm resolution to contribute to



its prosperity, could not but take notice of what had lately happened, in the desertion of such a number of the students, in so uncommon a manner; and that he had no other information of it than by common fame, yet that was grown so loud, and was by many evil minded persons industriously spread abroad, both to the injury of this college and to the great disturbance of peace and good order in the government, that he judged it necessary on that occasion to appoint this meeting, that having a right understanding of the management of the said deserters, which had occasioned so much disorder, proper measures might be taken to redress what should be found amiss, and prevent the like for the future, and particularly all needful support and encouragement given to the said college.

To which the rev. Rector made a brief reply, wherein he took suitable notice of the care the government took for the prosperity of the college; and added that the only pretended cause, which he knew of, of the forementioned desertion, was the insufficiency of one of the tutors; but he doubted not it would be found, upon enquiry, most unreasonable. That they were in expectation of several of their number, and would send to meet them by express, when they should be in readiness to attend what might be further necessary in this affair.

Mr. Pitkin further acquainted this board, that upon his receipt of the Governour's letter he went with it to Weathersfield and shewed it to four of the elder scholars there, and gave them notice to be present at the Council, to shew their grievance, in order to their being redrest; and their answer to him was, that they understood that Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Buckingham would not be there, and could not tell whether they should be there or not. . . . .

Fryday morning, nine of the clock, the Council met, . . . . . and,

Upon consideration had of the state of the college, the trustees present did declare, that Mr. Johnson, against whose learning it has been reputed that the deserting scholars had objected, had been for some years improved as a tutor in the said college, and was well known to be a gentleman of suffi-

cient learning; and that they cannot but look upon it as a very unworthy part in them, if any of those that have deserted the college have endeavoured to scandalize a gentleman in such a manner, whom much more competent judges highly esteem as a man of good learning, and in that respect very well accomplished for the charge he is in.

And further they declared, that they had been endeavouring to procure a rector to reside at the college, tho' their endeavours had hitherto been unsuccessful; and were of the opinion that it was highly necessary to procure immediately some gentleman to be resident there, as a rector *pro tempore*, till the latter end of May next, who should take the charge of the college, with a tutor under him, to assist in the tuition of the students; which they hoped would put the affairs of the college into a desirable state, and give entire satisfaction to all that wished for the prosperity of it.

And the gentlemen of the Council, being unanimously of opinion that no expedient could conduce more to the benefit of the college and satisfaction of all, recommended it to the trustees that they would proceed to make choice of a person to reside in the college as a rector *pro tempore*; that he might be as soon as possible obtained.

The Rev. Rector, Mr. Samuel Andrew, Mr. Samuel Russell, and Mr. Thomas Ruggles, trustees, &c. personally communicated to this board, that according to the recommendation made them from hence, to consider of some fitting person who might be obtained to reside as a rector in Yale College, they had considered that matter, and resolved that the Rev. Mr. Timothy Cutler, minister of Stratford, was a person of those qualifications that they could not but think him very proper to take charge of the tuition and government of the students in Yale College, from this present time to the last Wednesday of May or the first Wednesday of June next, in the quality of a rector to reside there; and that they had pitched upon him for that end, and design'd to procure his residence there forthwith. To which the Rev. Mr. Davenport added particularly for himself, that he did with the rest of the gentlemen before-

mentioned fully concur in his opinion of Mr. Cutler's qualifications for that service, but had some scruple of removing him from the church, which he doubted might be attended with unhappy consequences, as to the affairs of that church and town in particular; wherefore he could not tell how to concur with them in their election of him to this service, unless it be considered strictly as under the limitation to that time set, vizt. the last Wednesday in May, or first of June.

And the gentlemen thereupon desired the advice of this board.

Who, after consideration had, did advise them, that if the trustees could by any means obtain the Rev. Mr. Cutler to come and reside in Yale College, and take the charge of a rector upon him for the time limited, it would prove an expedient universally acceptable to the Colony, as it was to this board, and to all persons who have been under any uneasiness respecting the state of that college, and prove a good means to put an end to the contentions, which are unhappily arisen, for want of such a person residing there.

And that altho' the church and town of Stratford must be allowed to be unwilling altogether to part with their reverend pastor, who is worthy of their great respect and honour, yet for so short a time, and for so great and general advantage, as its hoped his residing at Yale College may prove, we can't but think they'll be perswaded to deny themselves, and be satisfied with that provision to supply his desk which you may be able to make for them.

And we cannot but add our assurance, that if you may be succeeded so far as to gain him to attend the proposed service, it will give a particular satisfaction to the Assembly; and they will be encouraged to come into the consideration of, and favour, the measures which, after that, may be thought best to supply the college with an acceptable resident rector for the future. . . . .

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 CI. LETTER OF JONATHAN EDWARDS

March 26, 1719

[From a copy in Dwight's *Life of Edwards*, pp. 29-30,  
 New York, 1830]

Edwards, now in his third College year, was one of the seceding students who had lately returned to Wethersfield from New Haven.

Wethersfield, March 26, 1719.

Dear Sister,

. . . . . I think it fit that I should give you some account of my condition, relative to the school. I suppose you are fully acquainted with our coming away from New-Haven, and the circumstances thereof. Since then we have been in a more prosperous condition, as I think, than ever. But the council and trustees, having lately had a meeting at New-Haven concerning it, have removed that which was the cause of our coming away, viz. Mr. Johnson, from the place of a tutor, and have put in Mr. Cutler, Pastor of Canterbury, President; who, as we hear, intends very speedily to be resident at Yale College, so that all the scholars belonging to our school expect to return there, as soon as our vacancy after the election is over.

I am your loving brother in good health,

JONATHAN EDWARDS.

To Miss Mary Edwards at Northampton.

CII. LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

April 14, 1719

[From the original in the State Library]

Sr.

. . . . . I heartily congratulate you upon the happy union of the Colony in fixing the Colledge at New Haven, after some

differences which might have been attended with ill consequences. Mr. Yale is very much rejoyc'd at this good news, & more than a little pleas'd with his being Patron of such a Seat of the Muses, saving that he expresst at first some kind of concern, whether it was well in him, being a Church man, to promote an Academy of Dissenters. But when we had discourst that point freely, he appear'd convinc't that the buisness of good men is to spread religion & learning among mankind without being too fondly attach't to particular Tenets, about which the World never was, nor ever will be agreed. Besides if the Discipline of the Church of England be most agreeable to Scripture & primitive practice, there's no better way to make men sensible of it than by giving them good learning. Mr. Yale's picture at full length with his nephew's on the same canvas is drawn for a present to your Colledge Hall; & he'l send you by the same conveyance another parcel of books, part of which he has promis'd me shall be the Royal transactions in seventeen Volumes. He propos'd sending you a pair of Globes, but when I told him you had two pair already, we agreed that in lieu of them you shall have some mathematical instruments, & glasses for making philosophical Experiments, as Microscopes, Telescopes, & other glasses for use as well as for ornament & curiosity. I have some books & other things for you of my own Collection, which I'le either put up separately or pack them with what Mr. Yale sends . . . . .

Sr.

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

JER DUMMER.

Middle Temple

14<sup>th</sup>. April 1719

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gurdon Saltonstal Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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CIII. AN ACT INTRODUCED IN THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT ASSEMBLY

May, 1719

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, p. 186, Boston, 1904]

This Act failed of passage in the Lower House, of which the Journal for this period is not extant. Another Act at the same session, which succeeded in passing, granted £40 to the College yearly for seven years, from the sale of country land.

An Act for the further Incuragmt of Yale Colledge

Whereas it Is thought Needfull for the Good Governmt of the Colledge at Newhaven and promoting learning there, to have a Resident Rector, who with one Tutor may be Sufficient to Instruct the Studients belonging to the Said Colledge untill there Number be Considerably Increased. and whereas the Sum of one hundred pounds 2 year already Given out of the publick Treasury to the tutor of s<sup>d</sup> Colledge Is not Sufficient for a Resident Rector & a Tutor. It Is therefore Enacted by the Govern<sup>t</sup> Counsell &c. that there shall be the Sum of Eighty pounds more paid yearly out of the publick Treasury for the Incuragm<sup>t</sup> & support of a Resident Rector & one Tutor. which makes one hundred & Eighty pounds in the whole. for Such time as there shall be a Resident Rector. or untill Such time as the Sum of one hundred pound a year Can be Raised for them Some other way. & then the said Eighty pound a year shall not be paid out of the Treasury but only the Sum of one hundred pound a year as it hath been of late.

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 CIV. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JONATHAN EDWARDS

July 21, 1719

[From Dwight's *Life of Edwards*, pp. 31, 32, New York,  
 1830]

New-Haven, July 21, 1719.

Ever honoured Sir,

. . . . . I take very great content under my present tuition, as all the rest of the scholars seem to do under theirs. Mr. Cutler is extraordinarily courteous to us, has a very good spirit of government, keeps the school in excellent order, seems to increase in learning, is loved and respected by all who are under him, and when he is spoken of in the school or town, he generally has the title of President.

The scholars all live in very good peace with the people of the town, and there is not a word said about our former carryings on, except now and then by aunt Mather. . . . . I have enquired of Mr. Cutler, what books we shall have need of the next year. He answered he would have me get against that time Alsted's Geometry and Gassendus' Astronomy; with which I would intreat you to get a pair of dividers, or mathematician's compasses, and a scale, which are absolutely necessary in order to learning mathematics, . . . . .

Your most dutiful Son,

JONATHAN EDWARDS.

P. S. What we give a week for our board, is £0.5s.0d.

To the Rev. Timothy Edwards,  
 Pastor of the Church at East Windsor.

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CV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 9, 1719

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees at New Haven on Commencement Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1719.

Present the Reverend Messieurs.

Mr James Noyes,  
Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew,  
Mr Tim<sup>y</sup> Woodbridge,  
Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel,  
Mr John Davenport,  
Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham,  
Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Ruggles,  
Mr Stephen Buckingham.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr James Noyes was chosen moderator for y<sup>e</sup> present meeting.

And the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Samuel Russell was chosen Scribe of y<sup>e</sup> Same.

Wee do approve of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Timothy Cutlers Service in Yale Colledge as Rector for the time he hath supplied that place, and

do now desire he w<sup>d</sup>. continue in y<sup>e</sup> same

Wee do Order that the present Candidates for y<sup>e</sup> first degree this Commencement viz. Treat, Smith, & Curtis, do stand in the order they are here written

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew, Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Russell Mr. Tho. Ruggles, & Mr Timothy Cutler or any 2 of y<sup>m</sup>, do w<sup>th</sup> all convenient Speed Adjust all acc<sup>ts</sup>. w<sup>th</sup> those persons who have expended moneys, or Labour, towards erecting the house here for the Colledge, & to transmit y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. account so adjusted, to the Trustees for their Sanction, at the next meeting of the Trustees if it may bee. Also we Order the afores<sup>d</sup>. persons do treat w<sup>th</sup> & Sollicite y<sup>e</sup> Town of N haven that there be a Convenient place for the Schollars belonging to this Colledge, to sitt together in the publick Worship & to agree w<sup>th</sup> them for Settlement thereof

Ordered that Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew, Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Russell, & Mr Tho. Ruggles or any two of them do pray y<sup>e</sup> next General Assembly to grant such sum of money to the Trustees of this Colledge,



as may enable them to remove the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. T. C. from Stratford to the place of Rector, whereto he hath been chosen.

Ordered that each Schollar under tuition in this Coll<sup>d</sup> do hereafter pay thirty shillings a year for the same v. p.

Ordered that every Non Resident Schollar belonging to this colledge shal pay twenty shillings per annum detriment, excepting such as the Trustees shal allow otherwise. Voted & passd.

Ordered that the Colledge Treasurer do forthwith take Deeds of such lands as have been given by any persons of the Town of N. haven to this Colledge, & see them entered on publick record, at the charge of this Colledge. Voted & passed.

Ordered that every Schollar belonging to this Colledge shal hereafter reside in the Colledge, excepting such who shal be allowed by y<sup>e</sup> Recto<sup>r</sup> & Tutor, or Tutors to board elsewhere. Voted & passed

Ordered that such Schollar who resideth in, or holdeth a Study in this Colledge shal pay twenty shillings by y<sup>e</sup> year. Voted & passed.

Ordered that hereafter all who shal receive degrees in this Colledge shall pay twenty shillings currant money of this Coll to y<sup>e</sup> rector for y<sup>e</sup> same. Voted. passed.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew, M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russell, & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ruggles do treat & agree w<sup>th</sup> the Steward Cap<sup>t</sup> Munson for the terms of dieting the schollars for the following year. Voted & passed.

Ordered y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Russell give order to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer to deliver to the Rector five pound ten shillings to help his charges in his present Journey to Boston. Voted & passed.

Order<sup>d</sup> that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Russell do forthwith hire a Convenient dwelling house for y<sup>e</sup> reception of M<sup>r</sup> Cutlers family for ye present & untill further provision be made & the Colledge shal be at the charge thereof. Voted & passed.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Noyes, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew & M<sup>r</sup> Jno. Davenport or any two of them do in our name write a

desire of the Trustees to expedite the drawing in the sums subscribed for the Colledge use. Voted & passed.

Ordered that o<sup>r</sup> Colledge Treasurer do forthwith by all Lawful means draw in all the moneys due to our Treasury. Voted & pass<sup>d</sup> Affirm<sup>t</sup>.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ruggles & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel or any two of them do write in our name to the town of Stratford signifying our acceptance of their town offer concerning y<sup>e</sup> removal of M<sup>r</sup> Cutler, & y<sup>t</sup> they do it according to their sd Webbs Ruggles & Russells proposal made to sd town. Also we order & impower the above persons to purchase of M<sup>r</sup>. Cutler his house & homelott at Stratford that it may be returned to Stratford, (& if M<sup>r</sup>. Cutler seeth it needful) they are desired to be helpful to him, in Laying out the moneys for his accommodation in N. haven and all to be done at Colledge Charge.

We choose & appoint Edwards Jun<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> office of Butler, but if he shal not see meet, to accept then the Rector & Tutor to appoint a meet person to that office till further order of Trustees. Voted & passed.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Cutlers family & goods be removed from Str<sup>d</sup> to Nhaven at the charge of the Colledge. Voted & passed.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew, Sam<sup>l</sup> Russell & Thos Ruggles do adjust the acc<sup>t</sup> w<sup>e</sup> is due to Mr Johnson for his Service in y<sup>e</sup> Colledge & order him w<sup>t</sup> shal be due out of the Treasury, w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> particular thanks for his good service, & that three pounds be ordered him for his extraordinary service. Voted & passed.

Ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Ruggles & Samuel Russell do wait on Major fitch tomorrow morning, & make & perfect an agreement w<sup>th</sup> him respecting the farm given by him to the Colledge, as followeth namely. That M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Russell do wait upon Major fitch who together with the publick Surveigho<sup>r</sup> shal renew y<sup>e</sup> bounds of s<sup>d</sup>. farm all to s<sup>d</sup>. Russells satisfaction and Major fitch do make a good sufficient Quit claim of s<sup>d</sup>. farm to the Trustees, on the Condition, it be im-

proved only to the use of the School so long as they have Instructo<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Presbyterian or Congregational profession; That then s<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Russell do pay to Major fitch thirty pounds & that the trustees will order 30 more to pious uses in this colledge to mutual satisfaction of s<sup>d</sup>. Major fitch & s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees.

All the foregoing Orders and Acts of this Meeting were voted & passed in the Affirmative.

Testis, SAMUEL RUSSEL

Scribe

**CVI. AN ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

October, 1719

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, p. 159,  
Hartford, 1872]

Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Reverend Mr. Timothy Cutler, Rector of Yale College, shall have all his estate, as well as polls, freed from any taxes in this government while he is in the aforesaid office.

**CVII. VOTE OF THE FIRST SOCIETY (CENTER CHURCH),  
NEW HAVEN**

December 30, 1719

[From the Society's Records]

At y<sup>e</sup> desire of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Russell in y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of y<sup>e</sup> Colegiate School or Colledge in this place, the Society grant unto y<sup>e</sup> Studants at s<sup>d</sup>. School from time to time y<sup>e</sup> Liberty of siting in y<sup>e</sup> N. E. half of y<sup>e</sup> Front Gallery in y<sup>e</sup> Meeting house except y<sup>e</sup> frount seat, provided y<sup>e</sup> present

Students do pay 1<sup>s</sup>. per head at first entering into s<sup>d</sup>. seats, & for y<sup>e</sup> future y<sup>e</sup> students at s<sup>d</sup>. scholl 2<sup>s</sup>. per head per annum for y<sup>e</sup> use of s<sup>d</sup>. Society.

### CVIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 20, 1720

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven April 20<sup>th</sup> 1720.

Then present the Reverend Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Mr Samuel Andrew,  
Mr Timothy Woodbridge,  
Mr Samuel Russel,  
Mr Joseph Webb,  
Mr Stephen Buckingham,  
Mr Thomas Ruggles.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Samuel Russel was chosen Scribe for the present meeting.

We agree to give the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Timothy Cutler one Hundred and ninety Pounds currant Money of this Colony or Bills of credit

passing in the same for his House and Homelot in Stratford. We agree and order for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cutlers comfortable Subsistence in the Rectoral Service either 1<sup>st</sup> y<sup>t</sup> the trustees borrow the 190<sup>lb</sup> they are to give him for his House & Homelot in Stratford & build an House for the Use of the Rector and y<sup>t</sup> they shall pay a Lawful Interest for the s<sup>d</sup>. 190 untill y<sup>r</sup> payment of y<sup>e</sup> Principle, Or 2<sup>ly</sup> If the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cutler chooseth rather to improve y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. 190<sup>lb</sup> in building himself the Trustees shall allow him out of the Subscriptions or otherwise such sums as shall be needful for perfecting the Building, & 3<sup>ly</sup> y<sup>t</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cutler do leave y<sup>e</sup> Service of y<sup>e</sup> College he shall have y<sup>e</sup> Liberty of having the House he repaying what y<sup>e</sup> Trustees shall expend on it above y<sup>e</sup> 190 or to lett y<sup>e</sup> Trustees have y<sup>e</sup> House they repaying him the 190 or if he die in s<sup>d</sup>.

service ~~the like liberty~~ shall be to his Wife after his Death, Or 4<sup>ly</sup> That if M<sup>r</sup> Cutler shall after building s<sup>d</sup>. House refund such sums as y<sup>e</sup> Trustees shall have expended on s<sup>d</sup>. Building then the House shall be his own, Or 5<sup>ly</sup> That if M<sup>r</sup> Cutler shall choose to improve any afores<sup>d</sup>. Sums of College Subscriptions or Moneys for building that y<sup>a</sup> he shall give sufficient Security for refunding such Sums or Subscriptions to the Trustees.

We agree that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler's Salary shall be one hundred & fourty Pounds per year with what Additions the College Treasury shall enable us & we shall see proper to make; And M<sup>r</sup> Andrew M<sup>r</sup> Russel & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles do adjust y<sup>e</sup> Account for his past service.

Agreed & ordered that for redressing the Complaints made respecting y<sup>e</sup> dieting of y<sup>e</sup> Schollars that if it doth not appear y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>re</sup> be a speedy Reformation as to y<sup>e</sup> Provision & dressing thereof y<sup>t</sup> we will on our next meeting (w<sup>h</sup> is hereby appointed on y<sup>e</sup> second Wednesday of June next) take special Care a suitable Person shall be ready to take y<sup>e</sup> Care of a Steward upon him.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Russel give y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer order to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Rector ten pounds for defraying y<sup>e</sup> Charges of his Removal from Stratford hither.

Ordered We desire the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler to improve M<sup>r</sup> Law & Capt Whiting to agree w<sup>th</sup> the Town of Stratford upon any Proposals which have been made to s<sup>d</sup>. Town by M<sup>r</sup> Webb, M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles & M<sup>r</sup> Russel in our Names for the Terms of M<sup>r</sup> Cutlers Remove from them and we shall defray y<sup>e</sup> Charge they shall be at therein.—and that they do see any such Agreement fully executed, also if there shall be no such agreement we advise M<sup>r</sup> Cutler to appoint an Attorney to defend his Right in the Law & we will respond the Charges thereof.

Agreed & ordered that the College Steward do on each Quarter Day demand & receive such Sums as each Scholar shall be set at in y<sup>e</sup> Quarter Bill it being approved of by the Rector & Tutor & the Steward shall transfer s<sup>d</sup>. money to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer of the College who shall first take into Treasury w<sup>t</sup> is Colleges due & shall deliver to y<sup>e</sup> Steward what shall belong to

him & each Quarter Bill shall be left in the Treasurer's keeping.

All the Acts & Orders of this meeting were voted & passed affirmatively by afores<sup>d</sup>. Trustees.

Testis SAMUEL RUSSEL Scribe

CLX. VOTE OF THE FIRST SOCIETY (CENTER CHURCH),  
NEW HAVEN

May 11, 1720

[From the Society's Records]

The Society's Records also contain several later kindred votes, which do not need to be reproduced.

Voted that the Under graduate scholers may sit in the northeast part of the fore gallery except the fore seat and that y<sup>e</sup> graduates may sit in the fore seat except such of them as are already provided for, the present students paying for the time past one shiling per poll, and for the future each scholer paying one shiling per head at his entering into the Coledge, and that each scholer pay one shiling per head anually, for the use of the society dureing their belonging to the Colledge, and the s<sup>d</sup> scholers advance their proportionable part according to poll in case of extraordinary repairs: alwayes provided that the afores<sup>d</sup> annual payments be accounted due at the yearly comencements and the society impowers the society collector anually to demand and receive the afores<sup>d</sup>. respectiue sums.

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CX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

June 8, 1720

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a meeting of the Trustees by Adjournment June 8<sup>th</sup> 1720 at Yale College.

Then being present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew,  
M<sup>r</sup> Tim: Woodbridge,  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel,  
M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Webb,  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham,  
M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham,  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ruggles.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ruggles was chosen Scribe for y<sup>e</sup> present Meeting.

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup> John Punderson be desired to get y<sup>e</sup> Well of the College cleansed.

For Explanation of y<sup>e</sup> Law referring to Schollars Absence

from College we agree that at the Commencement there be a Months Vacation allowed and as to any other Time of particular Schollars Absence there is no claim of Liberty by the Law but as y<sup>e</sup> Rector or Tutor shall see Reason to give them Leave notwithstanding any Custom to the contrary.

Whereas at a Trustees Meeting April 20, 1720, it was left to M<sup>r</sup> Cutlers Election whether to build himself or y<sup>e</sup> Trustees build a Rectors House M<sup>r</sup> Cutler at this present Meeting declared to the Trustees his Choice is that the Trustees do build. Agreed & unanimously voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Eliphalet Adams is nominated and chosen a Trustee of Yale College.

Agreed that a Letter of Thanks be sent to Gov<sup>r</sup> Yale & another to M<sup>r</sup> Dummer and that M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham do write in the Name of the Trustees to the aforesaid Gentlemen.

Agreed y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel be impowered to reckon with M<sup>r</sup> Bishop, M<sup>r</sup> Prout the Treasurer and M<sup>r</sup> Cutlers Landlord and make such Payments to them as y<sup>e</sup> Treasury will enable them to do.

Agreed that since Capt Munson hath not provided a Cook as we expected he would, upon w<sup>t</sup> we discoursed to him (when we were here April 20<sup>th</sup> last), we will take Care to provide a Cook who shall have the whole management of y<sup>e</sup> Kitchen & shall reject w<sup>t</sup> is not suitable for y<sup>e</sup> Schollars & make Complaint to the Rect<sup>r</sup> & Tutors of y<sup>e</sup> want of what is needful and they if y<sup>e</sup> Steward do not seasonably repair y<sup>e</sup> defect shall have Power & hereby are impowered to make such abatement in y<sup>e</sup> Steward's Quarter Bill as his evident Faultiness may make reasonable.

Agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Widow Hannah Beacher be applied to be a standing Cook in Yale College & the Treasurer of the College is desired to agree with her & see her paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Quarter Bill deducting her Wages out of the Steward's Part provided she doth not demand more wages than hath been usually given to the Cook and Sweeper & in Case M<sup>rs</sup> Beacher cannot be obtained we desire & impower the College Treasurer with y<sup>e</sup> Advice of y<sup>e</sup> Rector & Tutor to put in a Cook as likewise in all the intervals of the Trustees as there may be occasion y<sup>e</sup> Same we order as to a sweeper. Agreed that there be fresh meat provided for the Schollars Dinner 3 times a Week till Commencement.

Agreed y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Russel & the Rector be desired to take effectual Care y<sup>t</sup> those Things proposed in the Gov<sup>rs</sup> Letter to be sent to Coll Nicholson to be presented to Gov<sup>r</sup> Yale be performed & y<sup>e</sup> Charge of it defrayed out of the College Treasury.

The above written Acts all were regularly passed by the Trustees in the Affirmative.

Testis THO<sup>s</sup> RUGGLES Scribe.



## CXL:bt LETTER OF GURDON SALTONSTALL

July 13, 1720

[From the University Archives]

From some scribbling upon the sheet, it appears probable that this letter was directed to the Rev. Samuel Russel, of Branford.

N. Lond. July 13, 1720.

S<sup>r</sup>

I have now before me yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> of the last month and the 5<sup>th</sup> of this

Tho' I was in hope that had the Act in favor of this Colledge passed last Assembly, It would have been attended with other advantages which are very much wanted for the support of the charge of the School at this Juncture, Yet if that may be compensated, and any thing of better service to that Society obtained at the next Court, I shall greatly rejoyce in It. It falls out very well that you'l have a large opportunity at the Commencement to consider what may be best, and hope you'l find the Court in a good disposition to do whatever is in their Power for the encouragement of the Colledge.

I think exceeding care ought to be taken whenever the Court goes about to enlarge the Priviledges & Powers granted in your Charter that it should not be done in such a manner as to endanger it. No doubt that Act which was proposed last Court may be amended both as to the Matter & Form of it which you'l have the best advantage now of considering & recommending whatsoever you think proper in it, or further needful, to the Court in October.

As for the Plan you mention in your last, it will be time eno' to perfect it at the Commencement, where I shall gladly be if my occasions suffer it. I have already in my letter excused the sending of it with the Catalogue & Orders which I received from Mr. Rector & have forwarded; that being a matter which will require more time.

My Thoughts upon it are, That there may be 2 Planns A

Smaller comprehending the Town, Harbour, Colledge, in which the Village belonging to the Town may be well eno' & handsomly expressed without the charge of a nice surveigh of the whole Town.

The other by a larger Scale, A Plan of the Colledge, and Green before it, Church & Court house, in which the Building may be beautified with Colours, to make a better appearance, than it will in small.

I shal be sure to put Mr. Adams on being at the Commencement meeting tho I should be prevented of being there my self.

I am S<sup>r</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> very humble sev<sup>t</sup>

G SALTONSTALL

**CXII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER**

October 1, 1720

[From the original in the State Library]

Addressed to Governor Gurdon Saltonstall. Fuller references to the unsuccessful attempt in 1720-1721 to interest Thomas Hollis in Yale College may be seen in President Quincy's *History of Harvard University*.

S<sup>r</sup>.

. . . . . Mr. Yale makes me many apologies for having done nothing for your Colledge this Summer, & promises to make ample amends by the first Spring ship.

I have also great hopes that you'l have a Share in Mr. Hollis's bounty which hitherto has bin confined to Harvard College.

I give my most respectfull Service to y<sup>e</sup> General Court, & am S<sup>r</sup>.

Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JER. DUMMER

Lond<sup>o</sup>. 1<sup>t</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1720

Col<sup>o</sup>. Saltonstal

CXIII. ORDER OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE CONNECTICUT ASSEMBLY

October, 1720

[From the original in the State Library]

This attempted legislation by the Governor and Council was frustrated by the refusal of the Lower House to concur.

For the Enableing of the Trustees of Yale Colledge, to provide a piece of Land, and erect such houseing thereon, as may be needfull for the comfortable Residence of the Rector of the s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge for the time being, This Court orders that what Sums of money shall accrue to the Treasury of this Colony, by the duties laid upon Rum, or by the forfeitures of any Quantities of the s<sup>d</sup>. Liquor for two yeares next Ensuing the first day of May next, shall be payed to the trustees of the s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge, to be Improved for the s<sup>d</sup>. end.

CXIV. LETTER OF TIMOTHY CUTLER

December 31, 1720

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 187-188, Boston, 1904]

This letter is addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford. The publication referred to in the fourth paragraph is otherwise unknown; the Rev. Moses Noyes, of Lyme, appears to be the alleged author.

N. Haven Dec<sup>r</sup>. 31. 1720.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir

Having communicated to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Andrew and M<sup>r</sup> Russel, a Letter which I rec<sup>d</sup>. from the Gov<sup>r</sup>. bearing Date Dec. 24. relating to the Building a Rector's House here, and desiring the Result of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees Thoughts as soon as

may be: it is their concurrent Opinion, That with all convenient speed there should be a meeting here of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of this School upon this affair, as well as others that may then be offered to Consideration

They have therefore empower'd me in their names to signify their desires, That you would give your attendance at s<sup>d</sup>. meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 24 of January next ensueing: which I accordingly do, and entreat your Favour in the notification of it to M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham.

Sir, I am sensible that Riding such a journey on this Time (especially as the case may be) will be very difficult, and I think that nothing but the urgency of affairs can call for it. But I think that this is the present case. You are not insensible of the Difficultys of my present Habitation, and my Tenure of it also is as uncertain as possible. If any thing be done respecting a Building this year it is requisite there be a present Consideration that the Timber be cut for it in the Winter Season. I know, S<sup>r</sup>, that such is your age and Distance, That you may as fairly put in for an Excuse from coming as any Gentleman, but having a particular dependance upon your coming I can by no means be easy in a Submission to it, and do therefore take the Freedom, to Importune your mindfullnesse of us at that time. And having had so many Instances of your goodnesse in affairs of this nature, I must promise my self the Hon<sup>r</sup>. & Happinesse of a Visit at that time.

There is lately come amongst us a Dream of one Wait-still Hoping, referring to Stratford & Lime under late & present Circumstances, particularly relating y<sup>e</sup> affairs of y<sup>e</sup> late Council at Stratford, & Favouring y<sup>e</sup> Determinations of it, particularly magnifying the Character and conduct of a Rev<sup>d</sup>. Gentleman M<sup>r</sup> Izzard. The Representation of it is in y<sup>e</sup> way of a design'd wedding, the Legality whereof is contested and disproved by one M<sup>r</sup> Immoveable. The air of it is pompous and rapturous. and pretty taking with us. The Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Izzard who is called the Authour may possibly be here at y<sup>e</sup> meeting if his great Distance or Vapours hinder not.

The College Bell is now raised and gives a very pleasant

clear Sound, and we are humbly thankfull to Mad<sup>m</sup>. Wood-  
bridge's Generosity in it. To whom I give my service as well  
as to your self, who am, Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your Hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

TIMOTHY CUTLER

CXV. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

February 25, 1721

[From the original in the State Library]

Sr.

. . . . . I visited Mr. Hollis & deliver'd him the letter you  
sent me for him, & afterwards red to him a paragraph out of  
your letter to me on the same Subject, with both which he was  
extremely well pleas'd. His answer was that he had not yet  
finish't what he intended to do for Harvard Colledge, & till  
then he could not go upon any new design. I am satisfy'd  
you'l find him a benefactor e're long.

Mr. Yale has ship't a hundred pounds Ster<sup>l</sup> in goods for  
your Colledge. They go consign'd to Mr. Cradock, who  
carries them with him, being upon his return to Boston by  
Capt. Letherid. This howeuer is but halfe what Mr. Yale  
promis'd me a month ago, when he assur'd me he would remit  
you 200 lb. Ster<sup>l</sup> per annum during his life, & make a setled  
annual provision to take place after his death. But old Gentle-  
men are forgetfull. I was with him last night, to refresh his  
memory about the books, pictures, & other presents which I  
formerly mention'd to you, & to see if they could be ready to  
go with the goods, but it seems they won't be in order 'till a  
month hence. I shall be glad if they are ready then. . . . .

I am Sr.

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

JER DUMMER

Middle Temple

25<sup>th</sup>. Febr<sup>y</sup>. 1720 [*i.e.*, 1720/21]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Gurdon Saltonstal Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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CXVI. LETTER OF JONATHAN EDWARDS

March 1, 1721

[From the original in the Andover-Harvard Theological Library]

Edwards had graduated in the previous fall, and was now residing at the College as a student in theology. Another letter by him, probably written about three months earlier, and relating to the behavior of his Freshman cousin, Elisha Mix, was printed in part in the *Yale News* for October 26, 1880.

Yale Coll: March 1<sup>st</sup> 1721

Honoured Sir

. . . . . As concerning the complaint of the scholars about their commons; the manner of it I believe was no less surprizing to me than to you: It was on this wise, Every undergraduate, one, and all that had any thing to do with Colledge Commons, all on a sudden, before Mr. Cutler, or (I believe) any body knew yt they were discontented, entered into a bond of 15<sup>s</sup> never to have any more commons of the steward, whereupon they all forewarn'd him never to provide more for them, telling him if he did they would not pay him for it, Mr Brown notwithstanding ordered commons to be provided, and set upon the table as it used to be, and accordingly it was, but there was no body to eat it: Mr Cutler as soon as he was apprized of this Cabal sent, on the same day for Mr Andrew, and Mr Russel, who came on the next, and with the Rector ordered all to appear before them; where the Rector manifested himself exceedingly vex'd, and displeas'd at the act, which so affrighted the scholars that they unanimously agreed to come into commons again. I believe that the scholars that were in this agreement have so lost Mr Cutler's favour that they scarce ever will regain it. Stiles (to my grief and I believe much more to his) was one that set his hand to this bond; he did it by the strong instigation of others who perswaded him to it; neither had [~~s has been crossed out~~] he a minutes

time to consider before his hand was down: as soon as I understood him to be one of them, I told him yt I thought he had done exceedin [g lacking at end of line] unadvisedly, and told him also what I thought the ill consequences of it would be, and quickly made him sorry that he did not take advice in the matter. I am apt to think that this thing will be the greatest obstacle of any to Stiles's being Butler. I must needs say for my own part, that although the commons at sometimes have not been sufficient as for [! to ! Hole in paper at fold] quality, yet I think there has been very little occasion for such an insurrection as this. Although these disturbances were so speedily quash'd, yet they are succeeded by much worse, and greater; and I believe greater than ever were in the Colledge before, they are occasion'd by the discovery of some monstrous impieties, and acts of immorality lately committed in the Colledge, particularly stealing of hens, geese, turkies, piggs, meat, wood &c,—unseasonable nightwalking, breaking people's windows, playing at cards, cursing, swearing, and damning, and using all manner of ill language, which never were at such a pitch in the Colledge as they now are; The Rector has called a meeting of the trustees on this occasion, they are expected here to day, tis thought the upshot will be the expulsion of some, and the publick admonition of others: Through the goodness of God I am perfectly free of all their janglings. . . . .

Honoured Sir

your

most dutyfull

Son

JONATHAN E.

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CXVII. EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

March 7, 1721

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 188-189. Boston, 1904]

Sr.

. . . . . Mr Yale Sends you by this Ship one hundred pounds Sterling in goods for the use of his Colledge, & Assures me that a present which he has bin long getting ready, of Instruments, books, & pictures shall be Sent you in a month's time. I am glad to get what I can of him, thô it be less than his engagements; for he promis'd me that he would Send you over 200 £ per anno as long as he liv'd, & make a Settlement upon you forever, to commence immediately after his death. But I am afraid lest being old he should dye & neglect it, Therefore I think it proper that you Continue writing to him. Mr Hollis has given me Some hopes that he will think of you when he has finish't what he intends to do for Harvard Colledge, which I'le do every thing in my power to promote, thô I've receiv'd very Severe reprimands from some of my friends in Boston for having made application to him.

. . . . .

I am Sr

Your Very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Lond<sup>o</sup>. Middle Temple

JER: DUMMER

7<sup>th</sup> March 1720 [*i.e.*, 1720/21.]

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr Woodbridge  
Minister of y<sup>e</sup> Gospel  
at Hartford in  
Connecticut



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**CXVIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

**April 4, 1721**

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees at Yale College, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1721.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> { M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew, chosen moderator  
M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge,  
M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel,  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham,  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ruggles,  
M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham chosen Scribe.

Agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler be allowed fifteen shillings for extraordinary necessary Charges upon College Affairs and that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Russel give order to the Treasurer to pay it. Voted.

Agreed that fourty Acres of Land given by several Gentlemen of New Haven to y<sup>e</sup> College, lying to the Northwards of Thomas Munsons be sold to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler for fourty Pounds; also the Lands y<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup>. Smith of West Haven gave to the College be sold to him and any other Lands in New Haven given to the College that may be sold, excepting the Ten Acres at the Town's End. Voted.

Qu: Whether under the present Circumstances of the College it be expedient for us to advance the Price of Dyet, sweeping & making Beds beyond four Shillings and four Pence per Week. Voted in the Negative.

Not seing reason to comply with Capt Munson's Proposal we look upon our Selves at Liberty to treat with any other Person to supply the Place of a Steward. Voted. Affirm<sup>t</sup>.

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup> John Punderson be desired to take Care of getting y<sup>e</sup> College Well stoned or done with Bricks, which he thinks best. Voted.

·Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel be ordered to pay M<sup>r</sup>

John Trowbridge the Sum of thirty Pounds when he has finished the College Garrets according to Bargain; & also that Mr Russel be ordered to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cutler the Remainder of the Hundred and ninety Pounds with the Interest as there shall be money to enable him in the Treasury. Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Thos. Ruggles be in the room of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cutler with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Andrew & Capt Whiting to make up and allow the Accounts of the sale of Governour Yale's Goods by Mr Russel and Mr Prout and see it well placed upon the publick Records and that it be done with convenient Speed.

Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Timothy Woodbridge receipt of Mr Samuel Russel the Sum of Six Pounds to be taken out of Mr John Punderson's Hands of Rents of College Lands to be delivered to Mr John Read of Lone Town and also all the writings referring to Maj<sup>r</sup> Fitch's Farm.

Voted that Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Russel be ordered & impowered to use all proper Means to cover the Debt due to the College in Doct<sup>r</sup> Peter Carrington's Hands.

Capt<sup>n</sup> Munson's Stewardship ending next Quarter Day Mr John Punderson is chosen at this meeting to succeed in the Stewardship of this College and to beginning on the said Quarter Day; and he has accepted y<sup>e</sup> Place.

Testis STEPH<sup>n</sup> BUCKINGHAM Scribe.

**CXIX. A BRIEF, ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

June 13, 1721

[From a printed copy in the University Library]

**A BRIEF.**

Whereas Upon a Representation made to the General Assembly Holden at Hartford, the Eleventh Day of May last: It appeared, That the want of a House for the Rector of Yale

College at New-Haven, was a great Disadvantage to the good Order and Education of the Students there,

And, Among the several Ways which were Proposed to supply that Defect, and raise a Sum of Money for that End,

It was thought most suitable to Endeavour it, in such a Method as might give, to all among us, who wish well to the Promoting of Learning and Piety, design'd in the Founding of that Society, the most agreeable Opportunity of expressing their Regard thereto, on this Occasion,

And Whereas Thereupon The Assembly taking Encouragement, from the Generous Donations already made to the great Comfort and Support of that Society, by Persons of Distinction in both Englands,

And Moreover Considering, That a suitable Portion, out of what Divine Providence has blessed us with, being Voluntarily Dedicated to Pious Uses, is the most easy and acceptable Way of expressing our hearty Gratitude, to Almighty God, the Fountain of all the Blessings we Enjoy; To whose Goodness it is that we owe, both our Ability to Contribute for the Encouragement of that Society; and all the growing Hopes we have to see it prove a great Blessing,

Resolved & Enacted, That there be a Brief for a Publick Contribution, to be made throughout this Colony, for the aforesaid End,

I have therefore in Pursuance of the said Resolution and Order, (by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council) Appointed the Twenty-third Day of July next, being the Lord's Day, after the concluding of Divine Worship in the Afternoon, to be the Time for attending to the said Contribution; And the Deacons of the Respective Congregations, or in their Absence, such other Person as the Minister of the said Congregation shall Appoint, are hereby directed to receive what shall be Contributed; and to give Notice as soon as may be, of the Sums which shall be so Collected, to Me in Council, that further Orders may be given, for the Application of them, in the most Effectual manner to the aforesaid Use.

~~v~~ And, ~~To the Intent~~ that all Persons who may be inclined to Contribute to the said Vse, may be acquainted with the afore-said Resolve of this Assembly, and the Time hereby appointed for attending to it,

It is hereby Recommended to the Ministers of the several Towns and Parishes, to Publish this Order in their respective Congregations, on the Sabbath Day, before that herein appointed for the proposed Contributions:

And the Constables of the several Towns, are hereby Required, to fix this Order, in some Publick Place within their respective Precincts, at least Fourteen Days before the afore-said Twenty third Day of July next.

Given in New-London the 13<sup>th</sup>. Day of June, Anno Dom. 1721. In the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign.

G. SALTONSTALL

CXX. ACCOUNT OF SALES OF GOODS SENT BY ELIHU  
YALE

June 28, 1721

[From the University Archives]

An Accompt of Sales of sundry Goods and Merchandizes Ship<sup>d</sup>. by Thom<sup>a</sup>. Sandford of London (June 11<sup>th</sup>. 1718) for Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Honn<sup>tl</sup>. Elihu Yale Esq<sup>r</sup>. and by him consigned to the Hon<sup>tl</sup>. William Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>., at Boston In New England to be disposed of according to the direction of the said Honn<sup>tbl</sup>. Elihu Yale Esq<sup>r</sup>.: whose directions were to be sold or otherwise Improved for the Benefitt of the Collegiate Schooll In New Haven In the Colony of Connecticut, according to the directions of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of the said Schooll.

The Acco<sup>t</sup>. is

Dr.

to Ball <sup>cs</sup> . In favour of this Acco <sup>t</sup> . carryd to the	} lb. s. d.
Acco <sup>t</sup> . Annexed	
	387-12-0

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Credr.

lb. s. d.

No. 5: per one trunk of Goods containing

25 pieces of Garlix

5 pieces plain Muslin

18 pieces of Calico

the prime cost of the whole being £69-14

Sold for 200 per cent advance makes 139-08

209-02-00

No. 6: per 1 trunk containing

17 pieces of Stufe

12 pieces Spanish poplins

2 pieces of black and white silk Crape

3 pieces of Camlett

the prime cost of the whole per Accot<sup>r</sup> is 59-10

Sold for the advance of 200 per C<sup>t</sup> makes 119-00

£178-10-00

£387-12-00

An Accot<sup>r</sup> of the Improvement of the Mony produced by the Sale of sundry Goods Given by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Elihu Yale of London to the Collegiate Schooll In New Haven In the Connecticut, according to the Direction of the Donor.

Dr.

To Sundry payments Into the Treasury made  
by the order of the Reverend Trustees of the  
Collegiate Schooll In New Haven per Account  
on the Treas<sup>rs</sup>. Book

267-08-0

To Sundry disburssments for materialls and  
payments to the workmen at the building as  
appears by Mr. Russells Acc<sup>o</sup>. In part, and part  
by the Accot<sup>r</sup> of the Com<sup>tt</sup>. for the manageing  
the Affair of the Building the Colledge house

110-15-0

It. to one piece and half of Stufe N<sup>o</sup>. 2: not  
 sold, of w<sup>ch</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> prime Cost is 3-3-0; advance  
 of 2<sup>e</sup> per ct. makes } 009-09-0

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£387-12-0

To mony p<sup>d</sup> into y<sup>e</sup> Treas<sup>ry</sup>. by Capt. Smith In  
 part for the Trunk sold Doct<sup>r</sup>. Noyes } 047-00-0

To mony p<sup>d</sup>. by ditto Smith to Mr. Dixwell for  
 Glass and other materials for y<sup>e</sup> Colledge } 055-02-4

Cred<sup>r</sup>.

By the ball<sup>ce</sup>. of the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Sales as annexed } £387-12-00

Ditto Acc<sup>o</sup>. Cred<sup>r</sup>. per one trunk N<sup>o</sup>. 4 Sold to  
 Doct<sup>r</sup>. Oliver Noyes by Mr. Edward Lyde the  
 neat product as per Account } 175-00-00

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£562-12-00

to mony p<sup>d</sup>. by Capt. Munson to  
 the Trustees } 012-19-5

to mony paid by Capt. Whiting In  
 full of Capt. Munsons note and in  
 full for that trunk sold Do<sup>r</sup>. Noyes } 059-18-3

p<sup>d</sup>. to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees £562-12-0

A true Acco<sup>t</sup> Save Errors

By

SAMUEL RUSSELL

New Haven, June 28<sup>th</sup>. 1721

New Haven, June 28<sup>th</sup>. A. D. 1721 the foregoing Acco<sup>t</sup> and  
 all the perticular Acco<sup>ts</sup>. thereto Relateing Examined and  
 Approved

By Us

SAMUEL ANDREW  
 THOMAS RUGGLES  
 JOS. WHITING

} Com<sup>tt</sup>. appointed by  
 the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees

~~www.CXXI.~~ LETTER OF TIMOTHY CUTLER

July 7, 1721

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 189-191, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford.

N. Haven July 7. 1721

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir

I humbly thank you for your Concern ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> College Mony to be procured for us by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Wadsworth. But I do not understand that there is any come to us besides w<sup>t</sup> you sent down a litle while agoe, and I am very much affected with it from my Engagement in y<sup>e</sup> Purchase I have made of a House, for which I shall shortly want 35<sup>lb</sup> to pay y<sup>e</sup> man, besides another 55<sup>lb</sup> y<sup>t</sup> I have taken upon Interest on y<sup>e</sup> same acco<sup>t</sup>.

I have last night rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from His Hon<sup>r</sup>. Encouraging us to hope M<sup>r</sup> Yale will further remember us in such an Annuity as you Speak of. His Hon<sup>r</sup>. writes, That He sh<sup>d</sup>. have now sent to M<sup>r</sup> Hollis by y<sup>e</sup> ships going for England, but that He could never obtain a sight of y<sup>e</sup> Letter which the Trustees formerly wrote to Him & so could not write in concert with them. I suppose He never was addressed by the Trustees, & y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>t</sup> was done was done by your Self in a Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Dummer taking notice of M<sup>r</sup> Hollis's Generosity to y<sup>e</sup> College of Cam. intimating y<sup>t</sup> we tho't He would not be regardlesse of us did He know our State; & this in compliance with M<sup>r</sup> Dummer's Motion

Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yale hath remembred us in a Present of 105<sup>lb</sup>. 0.3. The last Post bro't a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Lyde signifying it was in his hands and desireing y<sup>e</sup> Trustees orders ab<sup>t</sup> it. M<sup>r</sup> Russel & Andrew & Ruggles wrote down to Him praying His care ab<sup>t</sup> ye goods till further Orders. Now y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>. hath sent us y<sup>e</sup> Invoyce from Him. with a Letter also frō His Hon<sup>r</sup>. They are in a Trunk; Mohair Buttons, Stuffs, Silk sowing &c.

He supposes they will sell at Boston for 200 per Cent. but to get ready Money is Impracticable. He adds y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> have the good news of Col. Tailer's Arrival. & y<sup>t</sup> there is a Prospect of His being again on y<sup>e</sup> Establishment for a Coll. in half pay & hopes to be upon his return home sometime in Aug<sup>t</sup> next The Gentlemen here have tho't y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Goods might be sold in these parts to much better advantage than In Boston. I hope Sir you will use your utmost care to conceal this advice I now give you, least it totally hinder y<sup>e</sup> Good Effects of y<sup>e</sup> Brief out, as y<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup>. news we are affraid in part will.

I almost forgot to say y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen Trustees afores<sup>d</sup>. desired M<sup>r</sup> Lyde to send y<sup>r</sup> Service & Thanks to M<sup>r</sup> Yale. & to signify y<sup>t</sup> He might expect a further addresse for y<sup>t</sup> and upon y<sup>e</sup> first meeting together. . . . .

I am Sir

Your H. Serv<sup>t</sup>

T. CUTLER

## CXXII. ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October, 1721

[From the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 282-283, Hartford, 1872]

The Rector's house on College Street, built in part by means of this Act, was occupied by the Rector (or President) for most of the time from 1722 to 1799; and was torn down in 1834.

Additional gifts for the same purpose were made by the Assembly in 1722 from debts due to the Colony.

An Act for the better Regulating the Duty of Impost upon Rhum.

Be it enacted . . . . . That from and after the first day of November next, all masters of vessels or other persons



importing any rum into this Colony shall, in the first port where he shall enter his said vessel and before such entry, produce to the naval officer of the said port a true invoice of the number of gallons of rum imported in such vessel . . . . . And the said master or importer shall pay to the said naval officer four pence per gallon for every gallon of rum so imported by him as aforesaid, excepting only such rum as shall be imported directly from the West Indies in some vessel part owned by one or more inhabitants of this Colony, in which case the master or importer shall pay three pence per gallon . . . . .

What shall be gained by the impost on rum for two years next coming shall be applied to the building of a rector's house for Yale College.

### CXXIII. LETTER OF GURDON SALTONSTALL

October 28, 1721

[From the University Archives]

N Haven, Oct: 28, 1721

Gentlemen,

I have with the Consent of the General Assembly ordered what was collected by the late Brief for a Rectors house, into the hands of yr. Treasurer, which will amount to about one hundred Pounds. And They have also made a further Provision which I hope will procure 200<sup>lb</sup> more for the same Service. Had They been better acquainted with the State of the Colledge Treasury, they might have done more; There was some discourse of making Enquiry into It, but It would have taken up time, and was deferred; concluding the Provision already made would answer the Occasion with what might be spared from your Stock. If It prove otherwise theres no doubt but the Country will advance more, and not Suffer the Colledge to be under such disadvantages as It must needs feel, while the Presid<sup>t</sup>. lives at such a Distance.

I doubt not but you will enter on y<sup>e</sup> Work as soon as the Season will admit, and am glad you have in y<sup>r</sup>. view such an able Undertaker as Mr. Caner. If in any thing relating to the Form of the House or any other Matter belonging to It, my Thoughts and Assistance may be any Service to you, I shall be glad to know It, and forward a Work so exceeding Necessary.

I am Rev<sup>d</sup>. Gentlemen

Y<sup>r</sup>. very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

G. SALTONSTALL.

The Trustees of Yale College.

#### CXXIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 4-6, 1722

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven April 4<sup>th</sup> 1722.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr	{	Samuel Andrew chosen Moderator Timothy Woodbridge, Samuel Russel, Joseph Webb, Thomas Buckingham, Stephen Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams, chosen Scribe
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It was Agreed & Voted that we do comply with the demand which the Church of New Haven hath made (of fourty three Pounds) for the Church Lot adjoining to M<sup>r</sup> Atwater And the Rect<sup>r</sup> & Treasurer are ordered to pay the afores<sup>d</sup>. money & take a sufficient Deed for s<sup>d</sup>. Land to the Rect<sup>r</sup> & Trustees & their Successors, From the Pastor & Church of New Haven.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> John Prout the Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> College do demand ~~the subscriptions~~ which were made to the College that are yet behind and upon refusal of Payment that he do prosecute them in the Law at the Charge of the College.

Messieurs Samuel Russel, Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham & Eliphalet Adams were chosen a Committee to go & treat & agree with M<sup>r</sup> Caner about the Rector's House.

Messieurs Sam<sup>l</sup> Andrew Samuel Russel & Timothy Cutler three of the Committee who were appointed to treat with the Town about the seating of the Schollars in the meeting House declared y<sup>r</sup> could not agree with the Town about that matter upon any Terms and so resigned their Trust.

Agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Caner to build an House for the Rector fourty four  $\frac{1}{2}$  foot long, thirty eight foot wide and eighteen foot Stud with a Barn & well the House to be fit to live in by next Commencement if possible for which he is to have 600 Pounds 400 of which to paid before the winter & the rest as soon as we can conveniently do it allowing him Interest for the last Two Hundred till it be paid reserving a Liberty y<sup>t</sup> if any difficulty or Doubt should arise about the Work or the price the matter be referred to indifferent Persons mutually chosen. Voted.

Upon what was offered to the Trustees by the Committee of the Society in the Town of New Haven respecting y<sup>e</sup> seating of the Schollars in y<sup>e</sup> meeting House, It was agreed & Voted y<sup>t</sup> an Answer should be returned to them in the following Terms.

April the 5<sup>th</sup> 1722

Gentlemen

We have considered your proposals & the utmost we can offer (in Consideration of the Schollars y<sup>r</sup> having the one Half of the foreseat in the Front Gallery and so much of the Seats behind as is necessary conveniently to contain them so as to sit together) for the Space of twenty years is thirty Pounds, but if a new meeting House should be set up before the Ex-

piration of s<sup>d</sup>. Term we do expect there should be a deduction from that Sum in proportion, & whensoever it shall be erected the Trustees of the College will be ready to agree to bear y<sup>r</sup> Proportion of the Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Building provided they may have the Liberty of some suitable Accommodations in the front Gallary for y<sup>e</sup> Schollars to y<sup>e</sup> Satisfaction of the Trustees.

With respect to y<sup>e</sup> Case of Hubbel fallen into the sin of Fornication and afterwards marryed and his father having applyed to us to have his Son continued in the College upon manifestation of his Repentance we agree that it shall be declared to him that we Judge it inconsistent with y<sup>e</sup> Glory of God and the Welfare of the School as well as y<sup>e</sup> Customs & practices of Colleges in other places in such Cases & y<sup>t</sup> it will be very offensive to the Country y<sup>t</sup> he should be continued as a member of this Society. Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Afirm<sup>t</sup>.

Memorandum April 6: 1722. Captn Munson appeared and after some Representation of his Difficulties and Losses sustained in attending the Work of a Steward &c. he desired that he might be considered on the Account thereof.

CXXV. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JOSEPH MORGAN

May 28, 1722

[From the original in the Library of the American Antiquarian Society]

Addressed to the Rev. Cotton Mather. The author, who was born in Groton, Connecticut, in 1672, was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Freehold, New Jersey. At an earlier date he had served churches in Bedford and East Chester, New York, and Greenwich, Connecticut. He had recently received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from the Yale Trustees.

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From East Chester

y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>. of May 1722

Very Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir

. . . . . I hear some in Conecticut complain y<sup>t</sup>. Arminian Books are cryed up in Yale Colledge for Eloquence & Learning, & Calvinists despised for y<sup>e</sup> contrary; & none have y<sup>e</sup> courage to see it redressed. I know nothing personally, but was frighted at y<sup>e</sup> Report, & were I assured of it, w<sup>d</sup> take my Son from thence I have received such Obligations from that Colledge, y<sup>t</sup>. if I appear, as Informer, it would be more unkindly taken from me y<sup>n</sup> from any, & be tho't Ingratitude. You may inform your self; for if it be true, we may be alarmed, & every man ought to cast in his mite to help it.

In all I have written I give but Suggesting Hints, & hope not to be named in y<sup>e</sup> last, & am

R. Sir

Your Unworthy JOSEPH MORGAN

CXXVI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 13, 1722

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at s<sup>d</sup> College in New Haven Sept<sup>r</sup> 13, 1722.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr

{ Samuel Andrew,  
Timothy Woodbridge chosen  
moderator,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham,  
Stephen Buckingham  
Thomas Ruggles.  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Thomas Ruggles was  
chosen Scribe.

Agreed that there be a meeting of the Trustees at Yale College in October next on the Tuesday following after the Beginning of the Sessions of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly.

CXXVII. LETTER OF JOHN DAVENPORT AND STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

September 25, 1722

[From a copy in the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 2d series, vol. 4, pp. 297-301, 2d ed., Boston, 1846]

Two other letters to Cotton Mather, dated one week later, and relating to the same occurrences, are printed in the second volume of the same series, with Mather's reply; they are here omitted, as adding no new facts.

Very Reverend Sirs,

We have taken it, that yourselves were consulted upon the first erecting a collegiate school in our colony, nor can we account it improper, that yourselves and our reverend fraternity in the principal town of our country be apprized of the dark cloud drawn over our collegiate affairs, a representation whereof may already have been made by some of our reverend brethren Trustees: But if not, and the case being of general concern, we are willing to make our mournful report, how it hath been matter of surprize to us (as we conclude it hath been or surely will be to you) to find how great a change a few years have made appear among us, and how our fountain, hoped to have been and continued the repository of truth, and the reserve of pure and sound principles, doctrine and education, in case of a change in our mother Harvard, shews itself in so little a time so corrupt. How is the gold become dim! and the silver become dross. and the wine mixt with water!

Our school gloried and flourished under its first rector, the Rev. Mr. Pierson, a pattern of piety, a man of modest behaviour, of solid learning, and sound principles, free from the least Arminian or Episcopal taint: But it suffered a decay for some years, because of the want of a resident rector. But who could have conjectured, that its name being raised to Collegium Yalense from a Gymnasium Saybrookense, it should groan out Ichabod in about three years and an half under its second rector, so unlike the first, by an unhappy election set over it, into whose election or confirmation, or any act relating to him, the senior subscriber hereof (though not for some reason, through malice or mistake bruited) never came. Upon the management of our college three years and an half, how strangely altered is the aspect thereof! that its regents, sc. rector and tutor are become such capable masters of Episcopal leaven, and in such a time so able to cause how many to partake of it! . . . . .

Upon our commencement, Sept. 12, the rector distinguished his performance by the closing words of his prayer, which were these, viz. *and let all the people say, amen.*

On the evening of said day, it was rumoured there, that on the next day the gentlemen become Episcopal, designed to propound to the trustees three questions [about ordination] . . . . .

But the day following the commencement after dinner, these gentlemen appeared in the library before the trustees, where many other ministers were present, and first declared themselves vivâ voce, but after that, on the direction of the trustees, declared themselves in writing, a copy whereof is not with us. But the substance thereof is this, sc.

Some of us doubting the validity of Presbyterial ordination in opposition to Episcopal ordination, and others of us fully persuaded of the invalidity of said ordination, shall be thankful to God or man helping us if in an error. Signed, Timothy Cutler, John Hart, Samuel Whittlesey, Jared Eliot, James Wetmore, Samuel Johnson, Daniel Brown. The persons doubting were Mr. Hart and Mr. Whittlesey.

~~Consequent to this~~ declaration, the trustees advised, that the doubters continue in the administration of the word and sacraments, but that the fully persuaded forbear sacramental ministrations, until the meeting of the trustees, which was appointed on the Tuesday evening at New Haven, following the opening of our General Assembly there, the said Tuesday being the 16th of the next month. The trustees also advised, that the said ministers would freely declare themselves to their respective congregations.

It may be added, that Mr. C. then declared to the trustees, that he had for many years been of this persuasion, (his wife is reported to have said that to her knowledge he had for eleven or twelve years been so persuaded) and that therefore he was the more uneasy in performing the acts of his ministry at Stratford, and the more readily accepted the call to a college improvement at N. Haven.

But then if he knew the college was erected for the education of such as dissented from the church of England (and how could he not know it) and knew himself not one: with what good faith could he accept said call and the considerable encouragement he had, and the rather if he disseminated his persuasion so contrary to the very design of its erection, and the confidence of those that called him. Indeed he hath said, that he hath laboured only with one to be of his persuasion: Were it so, there would, in one instance, be a foul frustration of the confidence reposed in him, but what a number above one of the students have been leavened by him, who can be assured, but coming time may discover the unhappy instances of it. . . . .

It must be acknowledged to the divine goodness, that all the trustees then present (and of the whole number wanted only three, sc. of Lime, N. London, Stamford) shewed themselves constant to your principles, and affected to the trust committed to them: yet desirous that the meeting of the trustees might (if possible) be fuller, and also their doings might be in the face of the colony, represented in General Assembly, they took care, that Mr. C. might have the use of the



house they had hired for him until the Wednesday next after the opening of the General Court, viz. October 17. . . . .

We subscribe ourselves, Reverend Sirs,  
Your unworthy fellow-partners  
in the ministry of the gospel,

JOHN DAVENPORT,  
S. BUCKINGHAM.

Stamford, Sept. 25, 1722.

The very Reverend,  
Increase Mather, D. D.  
Cotton Mather, D. D.

**CXXVIII. RELATION OF THE DECLARATION OF RECTOR  
CUTLER AND OTHERS FOR EPISCOPACY**

[From a copy in the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 2d series, vol. 2, pp. 137-138. Boston, 1814]

This anonymous relation was probably written in October, 1722.

A faithful relation of a late occurrence in the churches of New-England.

New-England has lately had in it an occurrence, that has been a matter of some surprise, and much discourse, unto the country.

The colony of Connecticut being willing to have their churches well supplied, from an education in the principles which moved their predecessors to settle in those parts of the world, erected not long ago a college at New-Haven. This little college or collegiate school, which wears the name of Yale College, was lately so unhappy as to borrow a pastor of a church at Stratford, whose name is Mr. Timothy Cutler, for

a rector. This man was a secret Episcopalian, of such high flights that he looks upon his Presbyterian ordination as a nullity; and the acts of his ministry as invalid; and his invitation to the rectorate of that collegiate school, was the more agreeable to him for its delivering him from a ministry which he took to be a cheat: it also gave him an opportunity privately to destroy the principal intention of the academy, and blow up the churches which he appeared a friend unto. He privately for some time carried on a conversation with several young ministers of the neighbouring churches, whose frequent meetings at his house were what the people knew not what interpretation to put upon. At last, by a strange coincidence of several circumstances, the plot broke out sooner, than it is thought they would have had it; for on September 13th, the day after their commencement, these men appeared in the publick library before the trustees of the college, and many other ministers; and there exhibited a short instrument wherein they declared that some of them doubted the validity, and others of them were fully persuaded of the invalidity of their Presbyterian ordination: signed by Cutler the rector, and Brown a tutor of the school; and five more that were young ordained pastors of churches in the neighbourhood. The trustees were very much distressed on an occasion so unexpected, and so likely to be attended with a train of unhappy consequences; but they treated the men with all the charity, and lenity, and forbearance that the case would possibly admit of. . . . .

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**CXXIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

**October 17-22, 1722**

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the College Library at New Haven October 17. 1722.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messieurs.

Samuel Andrew,  
Timothy Woodbridge,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas Buckingham,  
Stephen Buckingham,  
Thomas Ruggles,  
Eliphalet Adams.

1. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tim: Woodbridge be chosen moderator of the present meeting.  
2. That M<sup>r</sup> John Davenport be the scribe of this present meeting.  
3. By Vote agreed that the general Assembly now sitting be petitioned by an Act to grant the Trustees of Yale College a Seal.

4. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Adams apply to the general Court for granting said Seal.
5. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Russel & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles be requested and appointed to Collect the scattered Papers containing the Acts of the Trustees from the Beginning untill now all that can be come at and enter them in the Record Book of Yale College according to Instructions given them.
6. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham and M<sup>r</sup> Eliphalet Adams move to M<sup>r</sup> Cutler and in the Name of The Trustees ask of him an account of the Trustees Dues to him as Rector signed by his own Hand.
7. By Vote agreed that this order be to M<sup>r</sup> Prout Treasurer in these Words Viz. To M<sup>r</sup> Prout Treasurer, Sir these are to order you to pay or cause to be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Adams

twelve Pounds in currant publick Bills of credit to answer the Cost of Court att New London. Signed by Order of the Trustees John Davenport.

8. M<sup>r</sup> Cutler has laid before the Trustees his Account of what he expected finally of the Trustees.

9. The Trustees by Vote agree in Faithfulness to the Trust reposed in them to excuse the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler a further Service as Rector in Yale College.

10. The Trustees by Vote agree to accept the Resignation M<sup>r</sup> Brown hath made at the last Commencement of his Tutors Place and for his service since offer him five Pounds.

11. By Vote agreed on this Meeting & on future meetings the necessary Expences of the Trustees be born at the Charge of the College Treasury.

12. The Paper given to M<sup>r</sup> Cutler was in these Words Viz. A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven October 17. 1722.

The Trustees in faithfulness to the Trust reposed in them do excuse M<sup>r</sup> Cutler a further Service as Rector in Yale College. Signed by Order of the Trustees John Davenport Scribe.

13. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cutler late Rector of Yale College have twenty Pounds in currant Bills of credit ordered him out of the College Treasury.

Upon it this Order given to M<sup>r</sup> Cutler

To M<sup>r</sup> John Prout Treasurer      New Haven oct<sup>r</sup> 22. 1722.

Sir These order you to pay or cause to be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Cutler twenty Pounds in Currant Bills of credit out of the College Treasury. Signed per Order John Davenport Scr.

14. M<sup>r</sup> Cutler executed a Deed of Sale of fourty Acres of Land To the Trustees of Yale College Oct<sup>r</sup> 22. 1722. acknowledged before James Wadsworth Assistant.

15. M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup>. Cutler late Rect<sup>r</sup> of Yale College his full Acquittance & Discharge of the Trustees of Yale College from all Dues, Debts and Damages whatsoever from the Beginning of

the World to the Day of the Date of the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of October 1722. [www.libtool.com.cn](http://www.libtool.com.cn)

16. By Vote agreed that all such Persons as may hereafter be elected to the Office of Rector or Tutor in Yale College shall before they are accepted thereinto before the Trustees declare their Assent to the Confession of Faith owned & consented to by the Elders & messengers of the Churches in y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Connecticut in New England assembled by delagation at Saybrook Sept<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. 1718, & confirmed by Act of General Assembly and shall particularly give Satisfaction to them of the Soundness of their Faith in opposition to Armenian & prelatical Corruptions or any other of Dangerous Consequence to the Purity & Peace of our Churches but if it cannot be before the Trustees it be in y<sup>e</sup> Power of any two Trustees with the Rec<sup>r</sup> to examine a Tutor with respect to the Confession & soundness of Faith in Opposition to s<sup>d</sup>. Corruptions.

17. By Vote agreed that upon just Ground of Suspicion of the Rectors or Tutors Inclination to Armenian Principles or Prelatical, A meeting of the Trustees shall be called as soon as may be by any two of them to examine into the Case.

18. By Vote agreed that if any other Officer or member of this College shall give just Ground of Suspicion of their being corrupted with Armenian or prelatical Principles or any other of dangerous Consequence to the Purity & Peace of our Churches the Rector & Tutor or Tutors shall call them upon examination according to the Articles of said Confession that are contrary to the said Principles & in Case they either refuse to submit thereunto or do not give a satisfying Account of their Incorruptness they shall suspend them to the next meeting of the Trustees.

19. By a full & universal Vote agreed that M<sup>r</sup> James Pierpoint & M<sup>r</sup> William Smith are nominated & elected Tutors of Yale College for the Year ensuing.

20. By a full Vote agreed that there be a present supply of a Resident Rector in Yale College.

21. By a full Vote agreed y<sup>t</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Russel be elected Butler of Yale College.com.cn
22. By a full Vote agreed that The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Woodbridge of Hartford be desired to accept the Place of resident Rect<sup>r</sup> in Yale College untill the meeting of the Trustees which is hereby appointed to be the third Tuesday in April next.
23. M<sup>r</sup> James Pierpoint & M<sup>r</sup> William Smith before the Trustees declared their Assent to our s<sup>d</sup>. Confession & the soundness of their Faith in Opposition to Arminian & prelati- cal Corruptions & others that might be of dangerous Con- sequence to the Purity & Peace of our Churches.
24. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moss of Derby & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Noyes of New Haven have one or other of them a resident Inspection over the College untill an Answer be obtained from the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge which if it be negative a Trustee Meeting forthwith be called by any two of the Trustees.

**CXXX. ACTION OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY RESPECTING A COLLEGE SEAL**

October, 1722

[From the original in the State Library]

There is no trace of the use of a seal before the year 1738.

Whereas the Trustees of Yale College have moved to this Assembly that they may be granted a Common Seal, to be improved in and about the Affairs of that College, whereby the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. College from time to time may confirm & ratify what they act & do in y<sup>e</sup> capacity of Trustees. Be It enacted by the Gov<sup>r</sup>. Assistants & Deputies, that the s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees shall and may forever hereafter have a Common Seal, to serve & use for all Causes Matters things and affairs whatsoever, relating to the s<sup>d</sup>. College & unto the Trust re-

posed in them with respect to the same, and the same to alter change break & make new from time to time at their Wills & Pleasures as They shall think fitt.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

In the Lower House read & concurr'd.

Test THOMAS KIMBERLY Clerk.

### CXXXI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

November 21, 1722

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College assembled in the Library Nov<sup>br</sup>. 21, 1722.

Then present the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Messieurs

Timothy Woodbridge chosen Moderator.  
Samuel Andrew,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas Ruggles,  
Stephen Buckingham,  
Eliphalet Adams,  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham chosen Scribe.

Agreed by Vote y<sup>t</sup> some meet Persons be desired alternately for one month each to Supply the Place of a Rect<sup>r</sup> to the School till the next Meeting of the Trustees.

Agreed that if any Student shall go into a Tavern Victualling House or Inn to eat or drink except he be called by his parents or Guardians or some such Person as the Rector or Tutor shall accept of or spend his Time there & be convicted thereof he shall be obliged publickly to confess his Fault & In Case he shall refuse so to do shall be publickly admonished & for the

Second Offence of that Kind shall be degraded & for the third expelled.

Agreed to allow Arnold twenty Shillings for his Time and Expence in his Journey to Norwalk on the Service of the School.

By Vote agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Law be allowed six Shillings per diem for the Time he spent at the Desire of the Trustees in M<sup>r</sup> Cutler's Business at Stratford & that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew see him paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury

Agreed that each Undergraduate in this School shall quarterly pay Six pence for his Seat in the meeting House & be charged with it in his Quarter Bills.

Agreed that if any Undergraduate shall bring or cause to be brought into the College any Quantity of Rum or other Strong Liquors without the Leave of the Rector or Tutor & be thereof convicted he shall be degraded.

Agreed that if any Undergraduate shall behave himself contemptuously towards the Rector or Tutor or any other of his Superiors Contrary to y<sup>e</sup> Law of the College in that Case provided & be thereof convicted he shall for the first Offence be publickly admonished except he do ingeniously confess his Fault & for the Second Offence be degraded.

Agreed that the Rector & Tutor or Tutors for the Time being shall have Power to execute the Laws made for the well ordering this Society till the next Meeting of the Trustees except the Penalty be expulsion & in that Case with the Advice & Consent of two or three of the Trustees they may remove them from y<sup>e</sup> College till the said Meeting. Voted.

Testis THO<sup>s</sup>. BUCKINGHAM Scribe.



CXXXII. ~~www.Extract.com~~ EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

March 8, 1723

[From the original in the State Library]

Addressed to Governor Saltonstall.

Sr.

. . . . . The Suit in Doctors Commons about the legacy to Yale Colledge goes on well in y<sup>e</sup> main & has a good prospect. There is indeed one unfavourable Circumstance attending it which I did not know till this Week, that y<sup>e</sup> Preamble to y<sup>e</sup> Will & y<sup>e</sup> Schedule were distinct Papers & found in different places. This will be an Objection but I beleive not strong enough to hinder the Probate. . . . .

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

JER. DUMMER

Middle Temple

8th. March 1722/3

## CXXXIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 17, 1723

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College assembled in the Library April 17, 1723.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr	{	Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Samuel Andrew, Samuel Russel, John Davenport, Tho <sup>a</sup> . Ruggles, Stephen Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams, Tho <sup>a</sup> . Buckingham Scribe.
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Proposed, That M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Williams of Boston be chosen Rector of Yale College. Voted in the Affirmative.

Proposed, that if any Undergraduate shall absent himself from his Study in Studying Time contrary to the former Part of the seventh Law he shall be amerced six pence for each Transgression of that Nature he shall be convicted of. Voted.

Proposed, that the Senior Tutor of Yale College to whom the Care of the Books is committed have Liberty to lend Books out of the Library to the Graduates & the Senior Sophisters resodmg here but to no other Person except with y<sup>e</sup> Allowance of the Trustees or the Rector. Voted.

Agreed & Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Adams in the Name of the Trustees write to M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Williams of Boston to Sollicit him to accept the Rectorship of Yale College to w<sup>h</sup> he has been elected & inform w<sup>t</sup> they are able at present to afford him towards his Subsistence in that Post as also that if he gives them In-couragement he will take that Care & Trust upon him they will provide some meet Person to wait upon him hither.

Proposed, that M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge be desired to take the Rec-torial Care of this School untill & at the next Commencement & to reside in it as much as may be But if declined that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew be desired to perform the Service if this cant be obtained that M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge, M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Davenport & M<sup>r</sup> Adams, be desired each of 'em his Month to take y<sup>e</sup> Oversight of it as pro temporary Rectors & if this can't be that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew, M<sup>r</sup> Russel, M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles do one or other of 'em weekly visit y<sup>e</sup> College & as Occasion calls for it assist the Tutors in the Government of it (as provided by the last meet-ing of the Trustees) untill the next Commencement unless y<sup>re</sup> be a resident Rect<sup>r</sup> before y<sup>t</sup> Time. Voted affir<sup>t</sup>.

Proposed that the Gentlemen who resided here (as Rectors) in a constant manner be allowed as a Reward for y<sup>r</sup> Service as such at the Rate of an Hundred and fourty Pounds per Annum & the other in proportion to y<sup>e</sup> Time they spent here which shall be adjusted by any three of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees present Voted Affirmative.

Testis THO<sup>s</sup>. BUCKINGHAM Scribe.

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CXXXIV. LETTER OF NATHANIEL WILLIAMS

May 13, 1723

[From the University Archives]

The author was a graduate of Harvard College in 1693, and headmaster of the Public Free Grammar School in Boston since 1708.

Boston May 13<sup>th</sup>. 1723.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>ra</sup>.

I do with Thankfulness acknowledge the great Respect you have shown me in your Election of me to the Rectorship of your College.

When the notice was first given me of it by your Honourable Govern<sup>r</sup>., I thought my self obliged to give it a room in my more serious Thoughts, and have ever since endeavourd to treat it with a Solemnity becomming an affair of so great moment: The weighty Considerat<sup>ns</sup> under which his Honour left it upon my thoughts have had their due impression upon me, and althô they found me already placed in a Station wherein I have been and may still be serviceable to the great interests of Learning & Religion, yet I was ready to hearken to any Call of the same Providence that placed me in That, to a removal to some other, wherein I might be more so, thô I might be called thereby to deny my self of many desireable Interests.

And when it came more Immediately & Fully from your Selves, with whom that affair was betruſted, I thought my self obliged still more solemnly to consider it, and to seek the guidance of Divine Providence therein, and meekly to submit my self to whatever it might direct to, and carefully to weigh every thing that has offerd to guide me thereto.

And whereas there are Others, my Wife and Family particularly, greatly concern'd in the determinat<sup>ns</sup>, I have thought my self obliged to consult them, to lead me herein, and accordingly have laid before their serious thoughts, the Salary

you have offerd to encourage them to comply with the Proposal.

And since I find these so averse to comply with your present offers, I must give you this result of my thoughts—viz<sup>t</sup>. That thô I would think my self obliged to sacrifice my own ease and private Satisfact<sup>n</sup> to the Service of God and the great interests of Religion, yet I cannot think my self obliged to urge my Wife and Family to that which may hereafter make them uneasie.

These are my present thoughts under the views in which the Proposal lyes before me now, & I choose that they should be Determinate and Conclusive, that the Interests of that Society may not suffer by any farther delays of mine. I pray God direct you to One that may better supply and adorn that important Trust, and to build up that Society wherein so much of your Glory as well as the great Interest of his Kingdom is so greatly concern'd. I am

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sr<sup>s</sup>. Yr. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

NATH<sup>l</sup>. WILLIAMS.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of Yale College  
in Connecticutt

CXXXV. LETTER OF JEREMY DUMMER

June 3, 1723

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 194-196, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford.

Dear Sr.

I have two letters to thank you for, one of Sept<sup>r</sup>., & the Other of Nov<sup>r</sup>. last. You have heard before now of the death of M<sup>r</sup>. Brown, the youngest of the three ministers who came over here from Your Colony . . . . . Our News papers have told

us that Mr. Cutler is made a Doctr. of Divinity at Oxford, & Mr. Johnson Master of Arts, but I think it is not true, tho' it's very probable it may be true in a little while for they are gone to the University with that view. When these Gentlemen came first over, I shew'd them the civility of a countreyman, but resolv'd not to meddle in their Affairs, & accordingly I did not accompany them to any Bishop or other great person of my acquaintance. I was the more cautious in my carriage towards them, because I understood by letters from Boston that their defection from the religion of their Country was owing to the Library I had sent over, with this particular Slander, that I had fill'd the Library with every book for the Church & not one of the Other Side. You, Sr., that have Seen the books, know that the reverse of this is true, & that there never was an Eminent Dissenter & Author whose works are not in that Collection. Unless some of the books are lost or Stollen (which indeed I hear) You'l find Goodwin, Owen, Baxter, How, Bates, Carryl, Manton, Charnock, Pool, Henry, Calamy; & Others who have learnedly oppos'd the Ceremonys & Hierarchy of the Church, such as Didoclavius, Ames, Peirce & Others. And yet I find I have bin reproach't as before mention'd, which will discourage me from sending any more books At least 'till I hear from you about it . . . . .

The validity of Mr. Yale's will is not yet determin'd, but is depending in Doctor's Commons . . . . .

I am with great regards

Sr.

Yr. very humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

JER. DUMMER

Middle Temple

3<sup>d</sup>. June 1723

Mr. Woodbridge

CXXXVI. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY  
DUMMER

July 22, 1723

[From the original in the State Library]

Addressed to Governor Saltonstall.

Sr.

. . . . . I am still in the Commons about Gov<sup>r</sup>. Yale's will:  
because the Sons in Law use every art of delay . . . . .

I am Sr.

Y<sup>r</sup>. most Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

JER: DUMMER

Middle Temple

22<sup>d</sup>. July 1723

Col<sup>o</sup>. Saltonstal

CXXXVII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF MOSES NOYES

September 3, 1723

[From a copy in the *Letter Book* of Judge Samuel Sewall  
(to whom the letter was addressed), vol. 1, pp. 14-15,  
Boston, 1886]

Much Honoured Sr,

. . . . . It was a wrong Step when the Trustees by the  
Assistance of Great Men removed the College from Saybrook,  
& a worse when they put in Mr. Cutler for Rector. The first  
Movers for a College in Connecticut alledged this as a Reason,  
because the College at Cambridge was under the Tutorage of  
Latitudinarians, but how well they have mended, the Event  
sadly manifests. . . . .

Your Friend and Serv<sup>t</sup>.

MOSES NOYES.

Lyme, Sept. 3, 1723.

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 CXXXVIII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF GURDON  
 SALTONSTALL

September 6, 1723

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society  
 of Massachusetts, vol. 6, p. 197, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge.

N Lond. Sept: 6. 1723

S<sup>r</sup>

Not only my Broth<sup>r</sup> Roger's visit but several other Affairs relating to the publick at this Juncture, have obliged me to lay aside all Thoughts of being at the Commencement.

Upon which I have in a Lettr to M Andrew suggested my Thoughts relating to the better government of the Colledge, as particularly to the setting of a Resident Rector. It is not that I have any Inclination to insert my Self into Matters committed to y<sup>e</sup> Care of the Trustees, but as I hope and believe We are of one mind to promote the Benefit of y<sup>t</sup> Society, I concluded the Freedom I have taken, would not be thought amiss of. If any thing should happen of a Contrary Nature; You may be assured, and I desire You to Assure all the Gentlemen concern'd with You, that notwithstanding what I have hinted, I heartily wish well to, whatsoever Resolves You shall come to relating to that Affair; But I hope You will think it necessary, that much more time Should not be lost, in filling up that Vacancy. . . . .

I am S<sup>r</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> very humble Servt

G: SALTONSTALL.

CXXXIX. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JEREMY  
DUMMER

September 10, 1723

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 197-199, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford.

Dear S<sup>r</sup>

. . . . . I am going on with my Suit in Doctor's Commons for the probate of M<sup>r</sup> Yale's imperfect will, as fast as the Slow proceedings of that Court, & the Studyed delays of the Administratrix will permit. I am endeavouring to make Some Oblique impressions on M<sup>r</sup> Hollis in your favour, for there's no attacking him directly He being very much a humourist. When he does any thing, He must do it ex mero motu, & not seem to be influenc'd by any body. . . . .

I am S<sup>r</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> faithfull humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JER: DUMMER

Middle Temple  
10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1723

M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge



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CXL. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 11, 1723

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College assembled in the Library Sep<sup>t</sup> 11, 1723.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	{	Timothy Woodbridge chosen Moderator, Samuel Andrew, Samuel Russel, John Davenport, Tho <sup>s</sup> . Buckingham, Tho <sup>s</sup> . Ruggles chosen Scribe. Eliphalet Adams.
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Agreed that Capt Munson be allowed ten Pounds five Pounds now and five Pounds as soon as some of our necessary Charges are defrayed. This Sum is allowed him on Account of his Complaint of extraordinary Difficulties in his serving the College in its Beginning Times. Voted Affirm<sup>t</sup>.

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Woolsey (who hath desired his Masters Degree) have a Diploma given him. Voted in the Affirmative.

Agreed that the Tutors be allowed ten Pounds each in Addition to their Salary for the Year past in Consideration of the extraordinary Service they have performed.

Agreed that this Meeting be adjourned unto the Tuesday Evening before the Sitting of the General Assembly in October next. Voted Affirm<sup>t</sup>.

Signed per me THO<sup>s</sup>. RUGGLES Scribe.

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 CXLII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

October 16, 1723

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College October 16 1723 at New Haven.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Andrew,  
 Samuel Russel,  
 John Davenport,  
 Thomas Buckingham,  
 Thomas Ruggles,  
 Stephen Buckingham.

Agreed that the Schollars shall be obliged to repair the Damages by breaking the Glass Weights to draw up the Windows Walls &c, which shall be in the Chambers they Occupy in the College unless they can convict others of breaking the Glass & doing the other Damages who shall be bound to repair the same and the Butler under the Tutors Directions shall take Care to keep a Quarterly Account of the Condition of each Chamber.

Agreed for preventing all Extravagancies in the College on or before publick Times as the Commencement Quarter Days— That every member of this College who shall make any publick Disturbance by Hallooing, singing or ringing the Bell unseasonably Firing Gunns or otherways shall be fined not exceeding Half a Crown for the first Offence; & if in Contempt of the Rectors or Tutors Prohibition any do it he shall be fined five Shillings & publickly admonished. Voted in the Affirmative.

Agreed that Russel Senior Sophister be chosen & is now chosen Butler till the next Commencement. Voted in the Affirmative.

Agreed that in Case of y<sup>e</sup> Vacancy of a Rector unto the next Trustees meeting the Tutors shall have Power to Govern the

College according to the Laws of the College but in Case of any Offences very criminal the Tutor or Tutors shall call in one or two Trustees who with y<sup>e</sup> Tutor or Tutors shall have power to Degrade & suspend them from College Priviledges untill the next meeting of the Trustees.

Voted in the Affirmative.

Signed in the Name of Trustees present.

SAMUEL ANDREW,  
SAMUEL RUSSEL.

CXLII. QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY THE TRUSTEES TO THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 17, 1723

[From the original in the State Library]

In consequence of their appeal, the Act next following this paper was passed.

A brief Account of the Obstructions y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale Colledge have met w<sup>th</sup>. in their endeavours to provide a Resident Rector for that School, humbly offered to his Hon<sup>r</sup>. the Govern<sup>r</sup>. & the honorable Council in obedience to their Commands, Received by M<sup>r</sup>. Secretary this day.

- 1 The great Scarcity of men well qualified for y<sup>e</sup> Post.
- 2 The great difficulty of obtaining such as are otherwise employed.
- 3 The insuccesfulness of attempts that way, w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> necessary expence of time, in waiting y<sup>e</sup> issue of such applications.
- 4 Different sentiments among our selues concerning the Rule of our practice, w<sup>th</sup>. some other matters relating to y<sup>e</sup> affair.

And we are of opinion that if the present Generall Assembly will favour us w<sup>th</sup>. a resolution of the following Questions, it will much facilitate our future endeavours. Viz.

1 Q. If a Trustee by divine Providence be utterly disabled from attending the duty of his place, & there be no Rational prospect of his being farther serviceable in y<sup>t</sup>. trust. Whether y<sup>e</sup> Trustees may not Regularly proceed to y<sup>e</sup> choice of another?

2 Q. Whether the Act of our Constitution doth not require the presence of y<sup>e</sup> Majority of the Trustees in being to make a Quorum?

3 Q. Whether when such a Majority is met, it be necessary that they all be consenting to make a vallyd act, or the major part of s<sup>d</sup>. Quorum be not sufficient thereunto?

4 Q. Whether a Trustee desiring for good reasons to be released from his Service, Wee may not dismiss him, & choose another to succeed?

SAMUEL ANDREW  
SAMUEL RUSSELL  
THO. BUCKINGHAM  
THO. RUGGLES  
S. BUCKINGHAM

17 Oct. 1723

I am freely consenting to the above in case the General Assembly be y<sup>e</sup> proper seat to resolve s<sup>d</sup> Inquiries.

JN<sup>o</sup>. DAVENPORT

CXLIII. AN ACT OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY IN ADDITION TO THE CHARTER

October, 1723

[From the official copy in the University Archives]

Att a General Assembly held at New-Haven Octob. 10<sup>th</sup>,  
1723.

AN ACT IN EXPLANATION OF AND ADDITION TO THE ACT FOR  
ERECTING A COLLEGIATE SCHOOL IN THIS COLONY

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Powers and Priviledges granted to Certain Trustees for Erecting a Collegiate School in this

Colony Entitled an Act for a Collegiate School The said Trustees have Erected the S<sup>d</sup> School in the Town of New Haven which School is now known by the Name of Yale Colledge; And Whereas it appears to this assembly that an Explanation and Enlargement of the Powers and Priviledges granted by S<sup>d</sup> Act is Necessary for the Carrying on the affairs of the said Colledge; for Want of which It has Laboured under great difficulties Very much to the prevention of that Order and good Education which is to be desired there

Bee it therefore Enacted &c That the said act which provides that the Number of the said Trustees be not under Seven, nor above Eleven is not to be Understood or Taken so as to be restrictive of the power of the said Trustees, Never to Choose any person to be a Trustee when there is of such persons as have been Chosen and Acted as Trustees Eleven persons Living in the Colony or Elsewhere, But that in Case any person so Chosen be by Providence Incapacitated from attending that service or shall himself decline the same thro' the Necessity of his own Affairs or for any other such Reason as he shall Judge requisite The Trustees in any of their Meetings lawfully Called may be Understood to have and It is hereby Enacted and declared that they shall be Taken to have full power by the Majority of such Meeting to proceed to the Choice of Another Trustee in the Room of any such person.

And It is hereby further declared and Enacted to be the True Intent and Meaning of the Act afores<sup>d</sup> that the said Trustees shall be Impowered and they are hereby declared to have power to Meet Together for Considering advising about and Resolving upon all Matters belonging to the Trust of the said Colledge Comitted to them as afores<sup>d</sup> and to Agree and Conclude Order and determine Concerning them by the Majority of the said Meeting and by the Same Majority to Choose and Appoint a Clerk who shall in a fair Book prepared for that End register and Carefully preserve the Acts of all such Meetings.

And WHEREAS it has been doubted what Number of the said Trustees may be Lookt upon as a Sufficient or full Meeting,

Inasmuch as there is not in the afores<sup>d</sup> Act any Express mention made of any Meeting of the said Trustees It is therefore to prevent all scruple of that kind for the future hereby provided and declared that due Notice being given to the Trustees by Consent of any three of them, of a Meeting of the Trustees desired at any Time or place any Seven or more of the Trustees present at such Time and place shall be Esteemed a full Meeting And It is hereby declared and Enacted, that in all such Meetings, so Called, or otherwise as the said Trustees in any such full Meeting shall agree, all affairs und<sup>r</sup> the Care of the said Trustees shall be determined by the Majority of such Meeting.

And WHEREAS it has been found Inconvenient that in the Election of Persons to be Trustees, the Trustees Election by the afores<sup>d</sup> Act should be Limited and Restrained so as that the person who shall be Chosen must Necessarily be forty Years of Age; It is hereby declared and Enacted that for the future the S<sup>d</sup> Trustees in any Election of a Person into that Trust shall not be Esteemed or held Obliged by said Act to Choose such Persons as shall be above 40 Years of Age, but may choose such Persons otherwise qualifed according to S<sup>d</sup> Act, provided he is 30 years of Age

And it is further hereby allowed Enacted granted and provided, that whosoever shall be Chosen and made a Rector of the S<sup>d</sup> Colledge shall by Vertue thereof become a Trustee of the same; and be so Esteemed and Taken during his Continuance in the S<sup>d</sup> Rectorship

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CXLIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 7, 1724

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College April 7<sup>th</sup> 1724.

Then present Mr	{	Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Tho <sup>s</sup> . Buckingham, Tho <sup>s</sup> . Ruggles, Stephen Buckingham Samuel Russel Scribe.
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The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Eliphalet Adams is hereby chosen the Rector of this College.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Timothy Woodbridge & Samuel Russel are chosen & appointed to sollicite Mr Adams & his People & gain their Consent to his Acceptance of the Office he is above chosen to.

Mr Smith desiring Dismission from the Tutors Place in this College Wee chuse Mr Robert Treat of Milford to succeed Mr Smith in the Work of a Tutor here and that (if he may be obtained) he would come next week and take Care of Mr Pierpoints Classes till his Return from Boston.

Agreed that a Honorary Degree be offered to Mr David Yale in this College.

Agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Andrew shall take the Care of Rector in all the Affair of the following Commencement if there be not a Rector obtained before.

Agreed & ordered that Mr Ruggles reckon with Mr Caner for what he hath done in repairs of the College & order him w<sup>t</sup> shall be due thereon. Voted Affirm<sup>t</sup>.

Testis SAMUEL RUSSEL Scribe.

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**CXLV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

**May 21, 1724**

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at Hartford May 21, 1724.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	{	Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Samuel Russel, John Davenport, Thomas Buckingham, Thomas Ruggles, Stephen Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams.
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The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman was chosen a Trustee of Yale College.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth Professor of Divinity at Cambridge was unanimously chosen Rector of Yale College & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ruggles (who is now designing for Boston) is chosen & appointed to make Application to him in o<sup>r</sup> Name & Gain his Acceptance.

In Case this our Choice fails then The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> William Russel of Middletown was chosen to be the Rector of Yale College and the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel were chosen to signify the same to him & sollicit him & his People in Order to the Gaining his Compliance with this Choice.

M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Edwards was chosen a Tutor of Yale College.

Signed ELIPHALET ADAMS Scribe.



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**CXLVI. ACTION OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECTOR**

May, 1724

[From the original *Journal* of the Upper House in the Secretary of State's office, and other original papers in the State Library]

From the *Journal* of the Upper House, May 22, 1724.

Upon Information that the Rev. Trustees of Yale Colledge are now assembled in this Town Ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Hamlin and Hez: Brainerd Esq<sup>rs</sup>. and such other person as the Low<sup>r</sup>. House shall appoint signify to those Gentlemen our great desire that an able Rector of Yale Colledge may be provided and settled there as soon as may be and to understand what prospect they have of such a Setlem<sup>t</sup>. as that, which We cant but look upon as of great Necessity to the flourishing of that Society.

The *Journal* of the Lower House for this session is wanting.

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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. The Governour; Council & Representatives in General Court Assembled.

The Trustees of Yale Colledge now met in this Town, having this day received a Gracious Message from this Honourable Assembly, by Gentlemen Deputed from both the Houses, Expressing their great Desire that an Able Rector of Yale Colledge may be Provided & Settled there as soon as may be, & to Understand what Prospect we have of Such a Settlement, so Necessary to y<sup>e</sup> Flourishing of that Society.

We beg Leave to return our hearty Thanks for Your Generous Concern for the Welfare of that School, in this, as well

as many former Instances thereof; as also to Lay before You the Steps that we have taken in that Affair at this time.

We have Unanimously Chose the Rev'd Mr. Wigglesworth, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, to be the Rector of Yale Colledge.

And in Case of a Disappointm<sup>t</sup> of our hope of obtaining him, we have Chosen the Rev'd Mr. William Russel of Middletown to that Office. And in case our Expectations should there fail us also, In a farther Attempt, the Rev'd Mr. Elisha Williams of Newington, hath had the Voice of the Major part of the Trustees here present.

We have also Chosen Mr. Jonathan Edwards to be a Tutor of the said Colledge.

As we have been Exceedingly Concerned at the Disappointm<sup>t</sup> of those Measures w<sup>ch</sup> we have heretofore taken, so we shall be very Thankful, if thro' the Smiles of Divine Providence upon our present thot<sup>s</sup> & Endeavours, we may do any thing that shall be Serviceable to the School & grateful to the Countrey.

W<sup>th</sup> Hearts full of Gratitude we Acknowledge the Generosity of this Honourable Assembly, in applying the benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Impost Act to the Support of the Colledge for the two Years last past; and our Necessityes still Continuing & Increasing upon us in our present broken Circumstances, we would humbly Pray, that in your Compassionate concern for us, You would please to continue to us the same benefit for some time longer.

Signed in the Name of y<sup>e</sup> Rest

T: WOODBRIDGE	} Moderator
ELIPHALET ADAMS	

Hartford, May 22<sup>d</sup>. 1724

Upon Consideration of the above Address of the Trustees of Yale Colledge and the Extraordinary Charge they will be at in settling a Rector there It is granted that the Impost of

Rumm for the present Year be allowed and paid to them to Enable them therein.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

In the Lower House read & Dissented.

Test THO. KIMBERLY Clerk.

### CXLVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 9, 1724

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at New Haven September 9, 1724.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Andrew Moderator,  
Timothy Woodbridge,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
John Davenport,  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham,  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ruggles,  
Stephen Buckingham  
Samuel Whitman Scribe.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ruggles were chosen by the Trustees to make Application to the South Society of Middletown in Order to the gaining of their Consent to the Removal of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> William Russel to the Rectorship of Yale College in N Haven.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The first result of this application appears from the following item in the *Boston News Letter* of October 8, 1724:

We also hear from Springfield, Sept. 30th. last, That the Reverend Mr. Russel of Middletown in Connecticut Colony was Chosen Rector of Yale College at New-Haven, and hath accepted the offer, in case his People will consent to it.

Agreed also yt the Persons deputed to that service do attend it some Time the Week after next.

Voted also at the same meeting that the Schollars shall pay 4<sup>s</sup> & 8<sup>d</sup> a Week for their Board at College till farther Order.

Voted at the same meeting that M<sup>r</sup> Ponderson have £10 allowed him out of the next Quarter Bill towards the repairing of his Losses in former Years.

The meeting was adjourned to the Tuesday Evening before the next Sitting of the General Court in October.

Attestatur SAM<sup>LL</sup> WHITMAN. Scribe

CXLVIII. LETTER FROM JEREMY DUMMER  
TO TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE

February 25, 1725

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 201-203, Boston, 1904]

The second paragraph has reference to Governor Yale's will.

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear S<sup>r</sup>

I have your's before me of Septem<sup>r</sup>. last, which is very obliging as all your letters are. The Diploma for D<sup>r</sup>. Turner as also the letter that came with it I deliver'd; and tho you are so modest as to make an apology for the bad Latin, I think they were drawn up in a true Roman diction, & both for language & sentiments exceed any thing I ever yet saw from My Own Alma Mater. I must at the Same time observe that the Diploma is sent in a fine hand, & so hansomly ornamented with flourishes, that I was very much pleas'd to See it. As Religion & polite learning have bin travelling westward ever since their first appearance in the World I hope they won't rest

'till they have fixt their cheif Residence in Our part of the World. You have inclos'd D<sup>r</sup> Turner's answer to your's by which you'l see he Continues his friendship to your Colledge, & I beleive (from his great Modesty) will do more than he promises. I have Sent You in a Box directed to M<sup>r</sup> Read of Boston a few more books that were given me, which I hope he will take care to convey to you.

It troubles me every moment I think of it that we lost Our Cause in y<sup>e</sup> Commons by the vile decree of the Dean of the Arches, who, I verily beleive was corrupted; But as this can't be prov'd & an Appeal to the Delegates will be very Expensive, I am forc'd to Sit Still, & content my Selfe with this Reflection that I have given the Colledge a fair chance to recover the Legacy, without putting it to any Expense.

I condole with you upon the surprizing death of your late Excellent Governour, whose Memory will be to me always precious. I need Say nothing of his worth to you who knew him so well, But I always thought it so great, that there was no other person but your Selfe in the Colony capable of Succeeding him in the Chair of Government. The Gentleman, who is chosen Governour, is wholly unknown to me, but by a letter I have receiv'd from him he appears to be an honest & Sensible Gentleman. I desire you'l Assist him in an Affair which I have a Commission to write to him of. The Indian Corporation have now a pretty large Sum of money in their hands, & the Governour has promis'd me to propose to the Corporation that this money as well as their Constant Annual Remittance Shall be divided for the future between your Colony & the Massachusetts. He has already made a beginning by Nominating your Governour One of the Society's Commiss<sup>ers</sup>. But before this thing can be Compleated, Govern<sup>r</sup>. Talcott must write Govern<sup>r</sup>. Ashhurst a letter to be laid before the Corporation showing what Number of Indians there are in Y<sup>r</sup> Colony, & what prospect you may have of doing good among them, & particularly setting forth that Your Colledge is founded upon principles agreeable to the Religion of the Countrey, for they have heard a foolish Story, as if you

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design'd it as a Nursery for the Church of England. The Letter must be thus directed

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup>. Ashhurst Esq<sup>e</sup>  
 Governour of the Society for propagating  
 The Gospel in America  
 At London

. . . . . I have hardly room to tell you that I am Y<sup>r</sup> faithf<sup>l</sup>  
 humble Serv

JER: DUMMER

25 Febr<sup>y</sup> 1724/5

CXLIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

April 20, 1725

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at the Library in New Haven April 20, 1725

The present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	{	Samuel Andrew Moderator, Thomas Buckingham, Joseph Webb, Thomas Ruggles, Eliphalet Adams, Samuel Whitman Scribe.
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Voted that M<sup>r</sup> James Pierpoint for his Service in the Collegiate School till the 20 of March 1724/5 & for other special Services in the s<sup>d</sup>. School together with his Brothers travell to Branford be allowed in Bills of Credit thirty two Pounds & six Shillings.

Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew be continued in the Rectoral Care of this College till the next Commencement & that the Commencement be performed by him if no other be introduced & settled as a Resident Rector before that time.



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CL. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF JOSEPH TALCOTT

June 11, 1725

[From a copy in the *Collections* of the Connecticut Historical Society, vol. 4, pp. 55-58, Hartford, 1892]

This letter of the Governor of Connecticut is addressed to the Colony's Agent in London, Jeremy Dummer.

Hartford, June 11th, 1725.

Sir:

. . . . . As to the notion of our Colleg's being intended for a nursery of the church principles, I don't greatly wonder at, when I consider that Mr. Cutler the Rector of the College, who for so long a time under a disguise of being a Presbyterian was improved as Rector in that College, and then went immediately with 2 or 3 brought up under his conduct to the Bishop for Commissions, and not only so, but also held that the administration of the Seals, both of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, being administered by the Presbytery is of no validity, I suppose a principle condemned by all except the Non-jurors, or High Church; I say this might be a sufficient cause for the rise and life of such a notion: yet I should think that upon its appearing that Mr. Cutler was displaced from his Rectorship in our College, upon the very first appearance or knowledge of his being of the Church principles, it may and must convince every man that hath the knowledge of it, that our College was not set up, nor is not intended to uphold the Church principles, but the Church here by law established.

. . . . .

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servt,

J. TALCOTT

Hartford June 20, 1725.

Jeremia Dummer, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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CLI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 29, 1725

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1725.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	}	Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Samuel Andrew, Samuel Russel, Thomas Ruggles, Thomas Buckingham, Samuel Whitman Scribe, Eliphalet Adams.
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Agreed that Whiting Senior Sophister be and hereby is put into the Butlers Post till next Commencement.

At the same Time S<sup>r</sup> Buckingham was chosen a Tutor of Yale College & in Case he cannot be obtained M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Edwards was chosen Tutor of Yale College & next to be applyed to.

At the same Time the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams was chosen Rector of Yale College at New Haven.

Att the same Meeting the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Buckingham & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitman were chosen by the Trustees to lay y<sup>e</sup> Vote before the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams & endeavour to obtain his Acceptance of the Rectors place.

At the same Meeting M<sup>r</sup> Andrew was chosen to take the Rectoral Care of Yale College till a farther Supply.

Agreed that the Tutors for their extraordinary Services of the Year past, & their Trouble & Pains in sorting the Books & fixing Catalogues to y<sup>e</sup> Boxes have five Pounds each added to their salary.

Att the same meeting y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Eliphalet Adams was chosen & employed to demand of any Persons or person whatsoever y<sup>t</sup> have books in y<sup>r</sup> Hands belonging to Yale College in New

Haven a speedy surrender of them either to him or his Order & y<sup>t</sup> his necessary Expences in that Affair be allowed out of the College Treasury.

CLII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 14, 1725  
with the action thereon

[From the original Memorial in the State Library; and the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 6, pp. 569-570, Hartford, 1872]

The Memorial is in the handwriting of the Rev. Samuel Whitman.

To the Honourable the Govern<sup>r</sup>. Council & Representatives in General Court assembled at New-Haven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 14: 1725.

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale Colledge humbly sheweth that the said Trustees after many endeavours for the gaining A Rector for Yale Colledge, have at our late meeting in Newhaven Unanimously chosen the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Elisha Williams Minister of Newington a Parish belonging to Wethersfield, unto that service; and Judge him a person well qualified for the work we have called him to, and in him have a fair prospect that he will be a repairer of the breach that has been made in that Society: & as that School has had its being from this Honourable Assembly and testimonies of their good will in supporting it hetherto; so we count it our duty not only to inform this Honourable Assembly of the measures we have taken for the promoting y<sup>e</sup> good thereof: but now pray that by your Act you will give your publick approbation of our choice, which we shall take as a favour. We (as appointed by the Trustees) have made Application, both to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Williams and to the people of the Parish, with him: and have a likely prospect of obtaining him both from

him and them; But the Parish being small and generally new beginners it will necessarily bring a considerable Charge upon them in settling of another minister: The Colledg out of their small Stock cannot fully answer the charge we shall put them to: We therefore humbly pray this Honourable Assembly that as they have often done to divers places in this Government that upon Mr. Williams's removal to y<sup>e</sup> Colledge, so you will please to allow them their Country Rates (which are but little) for the space of four or five years, and by your act state it to be applied to the settling the next succeeding minister in their Parish: and we shall accept it as a token of the favour this Honourable Assembly bears to the Colledge, and a manifestation of their delighting in its prosperity

& your memorialists shall ever pray &c

TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE  
 THOMAS BUCKINGHAM  
 SAM<sup>L</sup>. WHITMAN

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At a General Assembly holden at New Haven, on the 14th day of October, 1725.

. . . . . Upon consideration of a memorial laid before this Assembly by the Reverend Trustees of Yale College, signifying that they have made choice of Mr. Elisha Williams of Newington parish to be Rector of said College, desiring this Assembly would free the inhabitants of said Newington from their country rates: This Assembly rejoice in the good providence that conducted the reverend trustees to fill up the vacancy of a rector in said college with a gentleman so agreeable to the country, and so very acceptable to the Assembly; and do enact that when the said Mr. Elisha Williams shall remove to New Haven into the service of rector in Yale College, according to appointment of the said reverend trustees, that Newington, or the inhabitants of said parish, shall be freed from paying their country tax for the space of four years next coming; on condition that the money be improved towards settling another minister in said parish.

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CLIII. PETITION OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 12, 1726  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

The petition is in the handwriting of the Rev. Samuel Whitman.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Govern<sup>r</sup>. Council and Representatives in General Court assembled in Hartford May 12, 1726.

The Memorial of us the Subscribers in behalf of Yale Colledge humbly Offered.

Whereas for Publick benefit the said Colledge hath been erected, and hetherto supported in great measure by the favour and beneficence of the Honourable Assembly of this Collony, so as our necessities have required, upon application to them by the Trustees of said Colledge: It has from time to time been supplied: Wherefore we make bold to inform this Honourable Assembly that it stands in great necessity of releif: It is well known that the Sufferings of the Sufferings of the Colledge thro y<sup>e</sup> defection of y<sup>e</sup> Rector have been long and great and will increase till there be a Rector setled in it. Thrô y<sup>e</sup> good hand of gods Providence the Trustees have been directed to make choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Elisha Williams of Newington Parish in Wethersfield to supply that place: which this Honourable Assembly has well approved: and given a good token of their approbation: We according to the instructions given us by the Trustees have applied to the said Mr. Williams and to the people of his parish: and have tho not without difficulty obtained the consent of Mr. Williams and his people that he shall remove to New Haven & as it appears both just and reasonable, that the people should be made good in their temporal interests: We have Agreed with their Committee, to take y<sup>e</sup> Judgment of Prudent and indifferent per-

sons in stating their accounts, who have given their judgment in y<sup>e</sup> case and have determined what they judge to be just and reasonable for the people to receive: to make up what they have expended in settling Mr. Williams amongst y<sup>m</sup>.: which sum ariseth higher then what the Colledge can pay: and what the General Assembly in October last Granted: Wherefore we make our humble Adresse to this Honourable Assembly to Assist the Colledge which will be in danger of sinking without it: we therefore humbly pray that this Honourable Assembly would according to y<sup>r</sup>. usual bounty & from their good will to y<sup>e</sup> support of the Colledge Grant to y<sup>e</sup> Trustees for y<sup>e</sup> use of the Colledge the Impost settled by Law on the importation of Rum from the begining of the last may, to be continued till y<sup>e</sup> May next coming which possibly may reach to what is due to the People of Newington: to repair the Rectors house and fitt it to dwell in: and we hope and desire that the Divine goodnesse will graciously accept your offering—  
and we obliged ever to pray as in duty bound &c

T: WOODBRIDGE  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN

Upon the above Petition This Assembly grants out of the Publick Treasury to the Uses abovementioned the Sum of One Hundred pounds and Sixteen Shillings provided the said Mr. Williams be settled in the Trust of Rector of the said Colledge.

Past in the Lower house.

Test THO. KIMBERLY Clerk.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secretary.

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CLIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

May 31, 1726

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven  
May 31 1726.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

{ Samuel Andrew Rector,  
Timothy Woodbridge,  
Thomas Buckingham,  
Thomas Ruggles,  
Joseph Webb  
Samuel Whitman.

Agreed that none of the Undergraduates but the Sen<sup>r</sup> Class shall have Liberty to borrow Books out of the Library & that at the Discretion of the Tutor or Tutors & that they shall have but one out at a Time & shall keep the same but one Month before they return it into the Library.

At the same Time Daniel Hubbard was chosen Scholar of the House, till the next Commencement come twelvemonth his Work to observe & note down all Detriment the College receives in its Windows Doors Studies Tables Locks & Salary to be three pounds & to give an account Quarterly.

At the same meeting M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Burnham of Weathersfield & Capt<sup>n</sup> Ozias Pitkin of Hartford were chosen by the Trustees to view the Land which may be offered by M<sup>r</sup> John Fisk & M<sup>r</sup> Levins as an equivalent for y<sup>e</sup> College Farm & give their Judgement about it. In Case the Persons above mentioned & chosen or either of them fail then John Seymour & Isaac Shelden are chosen or any one of them to supply that Defect.

To M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge for Hire for a Man to  
bring Letters on College Account

0-14-0

To Mr Woodbridge & Mr Buckingham to hire men to  
manage Business relating to College Farm. 5- 0-0

whole 5-14-0

This they have received on y<sup>e</sup> College Account  
as Attestatur SAMUEL WHITMAN.

### CLV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 13, 1726

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University  
Archives, made about 1733]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library  
att New Haven Sept<sup>r</sup> 13 1726

Then present  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Andrew,  
Timothy Woodbridge chosen Moderator,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas Ruggles,  
Stephen Buckingham,  
Samuel Whitman Scribe.

1. Agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge be the moderator & Samuel Whitman the Scribe
2. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams being invited into the Library where the Act of the Trustees relating to the Assent of any Person elected into the Office of Rector to y<sup>e</sup> Confession of Faith &c & particularly give Satisfaction of the Soundness of his Faith in Opposition to Armenian and prelati- cal Corruptions being Read to him he did fully express his Assent thereto to y<sup>e</sup> Satisfaction of the Trustees.
3. At y<sup>e</sup> same meeting y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams was formally introduced into the Rectorship of Yale College.



4. By Vote agreed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge have 40 Shillings put into his Hand to repay those that may be employed to view the Equivalent Lands at Killingsly.
5. By Vote agreed that every Undergraduate pay 40 Shillings a Year for his Tuition.
6. By Vote agreed that 20 Pounds be allowed to M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams for the Transportation of his Family & Goods to New Haven.
7. By Vote agreed that the next Commencement there be Exercises, the S<sup>irs</sup> to manage a Disputation in the Forenoon & y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>asters</sup> in the Afternoon.
8. By Vote agreed that Jonathan Edwards have his Salary paid him out of the Treasury according to agreement.
9. By Vote agreed that S<sup>r</sup> Whiting be continued in the post of Butler another Year.
10. At the same Meeting agreed y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Rector & Tutor at the Charge of the College get a Collumn of Boxes made sufficient to contain such Books as have none provided for them.

CLVI. EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM JEREMY DUMMER  
TO TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE

February 10, 1727

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 206-207, Boston, 1904]

Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Dear S<sup>r</sup>.

I have your Obliging Letter of Novem<sup>r</sup>. last for which and for all other kind Expressions of your Favours and Friendship I have a very great and just Regard. . . . .

I am very glad you have got a New Rector of Your Colledge who gives such good hopes of promoting the Interest of your Seminary for Religion & Learning. I have Delayed hitherto the sending some Books that have been given to Your Colledge, in Expectation of a Considerable Addition, but whether

I have that or not in a little time I shall send you those Books  
I have by me. . . . .

I am with very great Esteem & Respect

Middle Temple Sr.

10- Feby 1726/7. Yo-most Obedient humble Servant

JEB: DUMMER

CLVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September, 1727

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University  
Archives, made about 1733]

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at  
New Haven Sept 1727.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	}	Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Samuel Russel, John Davenport, Thomas Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams, Samuel Whitman Scribe.
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Voted that the Schollars pay to M<sup>r</sup> Punderson Steward five  
Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Week for one Year for diet sweeping y<sup>e</sup> Chambers  
& making Beds.

Voted that for y<sup>e</sup> future every Candidate for any Degree in  
this Colledge pay in to y<sup>e</sup> Rector before he has his Degree  
given him 40 Shillings, twenty Shillings for his Degree & the  
other twenty Shillings for the Comencement Dinner for which  
latter the Rector to be accountable to the Trustees.

Voted that every Schollar admitted into y<sup>e</sup> College y<sup>t</sup> Boards  
out of it shall pay quarterly five shillings Detriment which  
shall come into the quarterly Bills.

Voted that for the future every Schollar inhabiting an upper  
chamber shall pay five Shillings quarterly & the Schollars

inhabiting any other Chamber shall pay 7 Shillings & 6 pence quarterly which shall be brought into the quarter Bill.

Voted that any Schollar admitted into any Class after the usual Time of their admission shall pay detriment after the Rate of five shillings a quarter untill the time of their own admission.

Voted that for the future every Undergraduate shall pay for his Tuition ten Shillings by the Year more than has been determined by former Acts.

Voted y<sup>t</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Miner be in the place of a Butler for the present Year.

Voted that the placing the Classes shall be in the Hands of the Rector & tutor or Tutors.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned till the next Tuesday after the first sitting of the General Assembly.

as Testis est SAMUEL WHITMAN SCR.

#### CLVIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

October 17, 1727

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library att New Haven by adjournment to the next Tuesday after the sitting of the Generall Assembly in Octob<sup>r</sup> 1727.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	{	Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Samuel Russel, John Davenport, Stephen Buckingham, Tho <sup>s</sup> . Ruggles, Samuel Whitman Scribe.
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At this meeting agreed that the Memorial drawn & read should be presented to the honourable Assembly by the Moderator.

At the same meeting Voted that to the Act respecting such Schollars paying quarterly 5 Shillings detriment as board out of College it be added unless where the Rector & Tutor shall see just Cause to abate it.

Voted that unless M<sup>r</sup> John Fisk & M<sup>r</sup> James Levins do speedily fulfill their agreement with the Trustees the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Buckingham are hereby impowered to take out & levy an Execution on the Land belonging to y<sup>e</sup> College recovered by Law but in Case they speedily offer an equivalent for the same surveyed & by Boundaries & map described then they are impowered to find two suitable Persons to see & judge whether the Land offered be an equivalent & fully to settle affairs with them.

Voted that tho' a Trustee may borrow Books for himself out of the Library, yet not for another, nor keep any longer than half a Year.

Voted that any Graduate may have Liberty to borrow a Book out of the Library & peruse it in the College but no Liberty to carry it thence.

Voted that no Undergraduate shall borrow out of the Library any more than one Book at a Time nor keep it any longer than a Month before he returns it again.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> John Prout Treasurer have 8 Pounds a Year reward for his Service.

Voted that the Rector & Tutor audit the College Account with the Treasurer & lay the same before the Trustees annually.

Voted that S<sup>r</sup> Minor having resigned his Butlership S<sup>r</sup> Hubbard shall be in the Place of a Butler this Year.

Voted that the Rector & Tutor or Tutors shall put in the Schollar of the House.

Voted that the Salary of the Rector for the present Year shall have such Additions made to it as shall be Honorable if the Moneys in our Hands or that we can procure will enable us to do it: which we apprehend ought to be 200 £ att least.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Edwards be continued in the place of a Tutor for the present Year & his Salary shall be 65 £ & 5 £ more if we find ourselves able to do it.

Voted that if the Rector shall find it needful he shall put the Freshmen under the Tuition of S<sup>r</sup> Hubbard and we will allow him if he does that Service such Recompence as we shall think Convenient.

CLIX. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October, 1727  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library; with the final Act in the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 7, p. 133, Hartford, 1873]

The Memorial is in the handwriting of the Rev. Samuel Whitman.

To the Honourable the Governour, Council, & Representatives in General Court Assembled, in New Haven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 12, 1727: The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale Colledg, in New Haven humbly sheweth.

That whereas this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly gave being to the said Colledg by charter, which by the favour of Divine Providence hath been succesfully prospered, so that many Churches at this day are supplied with burning and shining lights from the said Colledg, which favour engageth us the Trustees, to follow divine providence, in the way that is thus Blest, in improving their faithfull endeavours for incouraging the continuing of so good a work, the benefit of which is not only for y<sup>e</sup> present but future generations, and when the Trustees had chosen a Rector for said Colledg, this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly gave their publick Testimony of their being well pleased with our choice: & his faithfull administration in the Concerns of the Colledg give occasion to us to be thankfull to god, that directed us to such a choice: this Honourable Assembly were pleased to enable us to make up our accounts with the people

of Newington, which we acknowledg with all thankfulness, & we find that the usuall Salary allowed from the publick Treasury with y<sup>e</sup> standing perquesites from the Schollars, is not sufficient to support the Rector, and the necessary Tutorage of the Students, & not being willing to make the Charges of Tuition, and Chamber Rent, unreasonably burthensome, which would prove a means to sink y<sup>e</sup> Credit of our Colledg: we therefore are necessitated to make our humble request to this Honourable Assembly for our releif, & that which seems least (to us) burthensome, and can without any sensible increase of charge to the publick be allowed us: We pray that the Custom raised on the importing of Rhum may be granted to us for the use & support of the Colledg during the pleasure of this Honourable Assembly: tis our utmost necessity that moves us to this application: and we cannot but beleive that our fathers of the Common Wealth will afford maintenance to their own offspring: and we hope that those parents whose children have had their education in our Colledg: and those and others that are members of this honourable Assembly that have formerly been members of our Colledg will own their Relation to us & Sympathize with our straitned Circumstances, & we hope as we have had a supply in our necessities from this Honourable Assembly so they will not let us find the streams of their goodness dried up. And your memorialists shall ever pray.

T: WOODBRIDGE Mod<sup>r</sup>.

SAM<sup>LL</sup>. ANDREW

SAMUEL RUSSELL

JN<sup>O</sup>. DAVENPORT

THOMAS RUGGLES

S. BUCKINGHAM

SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN

The Receipts of the Colledg from the Commencement 1726 to the Commencement 1727.

The expences of the Colledg from y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>nt</sup> 1726 to the Commencement 1727.

Rectors Sallary 140- 0- 0

from the General Assembly by Rent of Chambers & Tuition	100-0-0 163-0-0 263-0-0	Tutors Sallary To Mr. Canner for work done To y <sup>e</sup> Schollar of the house To the monitor The Treasurers Sallary To incidental charges	065- 0- 0 034- 9- 5 003- 0- 0 002- 0- 0 008- 0- 0 063- 6-11
			315-16- 4

An account of what is wanting to defray the necessary expences of y <sup>e</sup> Rector more then his Sallary	120-0-0
Wanting for another Tutor	065-0-0
	185-0-0

The receipts	263- 0-0
the expences	315-16-4
	052-16-4
the expences more y <sup>n</sup> . Rec <sup>pts</sup> . to which last article what is wanting is added	185- 0-0
	237-16-4

by order SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN Scribe.

We the Subscribers hauing considered the aboue account are of opinion that y<sup>e</sup> impost paid for Rhum in this Gouvernment for the space of three years next coming be for y<sup>e</sup> use & seport of Yale Collage

MATH <sup>W</sup> . ALLYN JOHN HALL JOHN BEERS DAUID GOODRICH CALEB LEETE	}	Com <sup>tee</sup> .
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~~Upon~~ Consideration of the above Memoriall Granted that the Custom Raised on the Importing of Rhum be Improved for the Use and Support of the Colledge during the Term of three Years next Ensuing.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secret<sup>r</sup>.

Read and dissent<sup>d</sup>. to In the Lower House

Test JOHN CURTISS Clerk.

Then y<sup>e</sup> Question was put whether any thing should be Granted on y<sup>e</sup> prayer of y<sup>e</sup> above memoriall. Resolvd in y<sup>e</sup> affirm<sup>tive</sup>.

Test. J<sup>o</sup>. CURTIS Clerk

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. . . . . Upon consideration of the memorial of the Reverend Trustees of Yale College: Granted by this Assembly, that the impost income for rhum in this government, for one whole year next coming, shall be to the use, benefit and better support of the said college, its rector, tutors, &c.

CLX. PROPOSED ACTION OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY FOR EXEMPTING RECTOR WILLIAMS  
FROM TAXATION

October 24-26, 1727

[From the *Journals* of the two Houses, in the Secretary  
of State's office]

From the records of the Upper House.

A Bill past that the Rever<sup>nd</sup>. Elisha Williams Rect<sup>r</sup>. of Yale Colledge shall have all his Estate as well as Poles freed from any Taxes in this Governm<sup>t</sup>. while he continues in the afores<sup>d</sup>. office.



From the records of the Lower House.

A Bill from y<sup>e</sup> upp<sup>r</sup>. Board to Release y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Elisha Williams<sup>s</sup> Lands from taxation dissent<sup>d</sup>. unto; on It to Conf<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> diffrence of Houses Cap<sup>t</sup>. Seamore Co<sup>ll</sup>. Goodrich Cap<sup>t</sup>. Buell appointed a Committe.

From the records of the Upper House.

Roger Wolcott and John Hall Esq<sup>rs</sup>. are appointed to confer with such Gentlemen as the Low<sup>r</sup>. House shall appoint on the difference of the Houses, upon the Bill Exempting the Rect<sup>r</sup>. from Taxes.

From the records of the Lower House.

Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe of Conference on y<sup>e</sup> affair of Mr. Williams<sup>s</sup>. Lands being Ratefree at Newington. Reconsdrd & desent<sup>d</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> bill from y<sup>e</sup> board afores<sup>d</sup>.

#### CLXI. LETTER OF ELISHA WILLIAMS

July 2, 1728

[From a copy in the *Publications* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 6, pp. 207-209, Boston, 1904]

Addressed to the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sr.

Since you allow me on all occasions the Freedom of offering my Thoughts, & have ever a Mantle ready to Throw over Them y<sup>t</sup>. discover my weakness. I presume to offer Something that has occurred to me in the present Conjuncture of affairs, y<sup>t</sup> Surprize & fill everybody with Concern what y<sup>e</sup> I fear may be. For my own part I must Confess my fears are greater w<sup>th</sup> relation to our religious than Civil Interests. Tho' if our Law respecting Intestate Estates be Declared a Nullity *ab Initio*, & So the Common Law of England, from thence to take place, we are Thrown Into y<sup>e</sup> greatest Confusion

.....

Will they not Say our Ecclesiastical Establishment is a Nullity? Our College Charter a Nullity? (Can we plead & make it Good when we have done y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Governour & Company have a power to Make a Body Politick?) . . . . .

Now what I would propose to Your Consideration is whither it would not be adviseable That The Agent The Government now Sends, be directed in the Prudentist Methods Possible, to obtain a *Charter* for the College from the King. and if it might be, also, Something in favour of our Ecclesiastick Constitution.—and These Considerations Seem to render it not Entirely hopeless

1. The King has but Just come to the Throne,—& so it is not an Unlikely Hour for acts of Grace
2. The Incomparable Good Temper of y<sup>e</sup> Queen w<sup>th</sup> whom perhaps a good Interest might be made for it.
3. What y<sup>e</sup> King has Done & after all our Endeavours to relieve our Selves will probably do, with relation to our Civill Interests will be No Small Shock and Grievance to us—& phaps to do us a favour in another Matter as y<sup>t</sup> of a Charter for y<sup>e</sup> College may be y<sup>e</sup> more easily granted—Since tis not Uncommon nor disagreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Wisdom of a Prince to Shew an act of Grace when he has manifested Severity— . . . . .

If Sr. You Think it advisable that what I have proposed be endeavoured, You will please to Communicate it (phaps before y<sup>e</sup> Courts Sitting) to his Honour, with whom the Matter Must be Solely left to give it in Direction to the Agent. For if the Assembly—or Indeed his Council Should know it, it would take so much air; as That our Bigotted Churchmen would get it, & endeavour all ways Possible to Defeat it—

You will please to forgive me The Trouble of This—& I will add No More Than my Humble Service to Your Self & Madd<sup>m</sup>—and That

I am Y<sup>r</sup> Very Humble Ser<sup>vt</sup>

E. WILLIAMS

N. Haven—July 2. 1728

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CLXII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 11, 1728

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College a New Haven  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 11, 1728.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> { Samuel Andrew  
Timothy Woodbridge Moderator,  
Samuel Russel,  
Joseph Webb,  
John Davenport,  
Thomas Buckingham,  
Stephen Buckingham,  
Eliphalet Adams,  
Samuel Whitman Scribe.

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Edwards was unanimously chosen Steward in and for Yale College & to enter into the Stewardship at the End of the first Quarter of the present Year till which Time M<sup>r</sup> Punderson is to continue in it.

At this Meeting Elnathan Whitman Sen<sup>r</sup> Batchelor was chosen Tutor of Yale College in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Edwards who then resigned his Tutorship.

Voted that S<sup>r</sup> Hubbard's Salary for his Service in instructing the Freshmen Class for the Year past shall be twenty & seven Pounds.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew & the Rector & M<sup>r</sup> Prout be a Committee to lay the Address of the Trustees before the General Assembly in Oct<sup>r</sup> next for a further supply to the College.

Voted that S<sup>r</sup> Hubbard be a Tutor for the present Year.

Voted that to the two Hundred Pounds mentioned in the Act of the Trustees Octob<sup>r</sup> 1727 twelve Pounds more be paid to the Rector for the Year past.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Edwards Tutor be allowed seventy five Pounds

as a full Recompence for all his past services in the Collegiate School.

Voted that an Order be given to M<sup>r</sup> John Prout treasurer to pay to the Rector two Hundred & twelve pounds as a Salary for the last Year.

Voted that the money for the Commencement Dinner which is 19 £ & is in his Hands & above the Order of two Hundred & twelve pounds be allowed to him.

Voted that S<sup>r</sup> Beckwith be in the Place of a Butler for the present Year.

Voted that we approve & Consent that the present Rect<sup>r</sup> be looked upon as a Trustee of Yale College by Virtue of the Act of the General Assembly constituting of him one of that Number.

Voted that the Sen<sup>r</sup> Tutor shall have an Order for 50 £ as Tutor & for 5 £ as Library keeper & the Jun<sup>r</sup> Tutor 50 £ according to the Promise made to them when they accepted of those Posts.

### CLXIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 8, 1729  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Honourable the Governour, the Councill, and Representatives, In Generall Court Assembled; In Hartford: May the 8<sup>th</sup>. 1729. The prayer of Some of the trustees of Yale Colledge, In New-Haven, In Behalf of said Colledge Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas Address Was made to this Honourable Assembly In October last by the Joynt Concurrence of the trustees of Yale Colledge, praying Releif for Support of Said Colledge In their Necessary Expences, and through Some Misunderstanding between the 2 Houses, No Conclusion was

come too. Wee therefore abovesaid Trustees do take liberty to Renew the Application to this Honourable Assembly In behalf of said Colledge, that you will please as hitherto you have done to Own that Society as Erected by your Selves, as a testimony of your pious desires for the promoting of learning amongst us, and for the Supplying our Churches, when a vacancy doth Happen, with persons Qualified for the work of the Ministry, which Good purposes through the blessing of God Have been Manifestly Crowned with Success, and the present flourishing of our Colledge promiseth Services of this Nature yet to come, but under the favour of divine Goodness our dependance is on your Selves, that you would favour your own Offspring, so hopefull, and not suffer it to dye for lack of bread. The State of the Colledge as to its necessary Expenses and Incomes was fully set forth to this Honourable Assembly, att the Meeting att October last when it Appeared that the layings out Exceeded the Incomes Upwards of an 160 pound which if not Releived it will necessarily Sink. The most Easy way, as appears to us is to make us an allowance of the Rhum Act, but if any other Method Seem more Agreeable to the Honourable Assembly We shall, not for any particular benefit to our Selves but in behalf of the whole Government, Accept it thankfully. And we would further pray that the payments of what may be allowed may be made in May and October, the Necessity of Rector and tutors Requiring it. And we would further Humbly Inform this Honourable Assembly, that the disorders committed at the Colledge in Cambridge at publick times by those that were not Members of the Colledge, moved the Government there to Give the president a Commission for the Peace. May not this Court from the like disorders Happening with us Att our publick times conclude the like Necessity of Such a Commission to our Rector. And your memorialists shall ever pray.

T: WOODBRIDGE  
JN<sup>o</sup>. DAVENPORT  
THO. BUCKINGHAM.  
SAM<sup>ll</sup>. WHITMAN

On y<sup>e</sup> prayer of y<sup>e</sup> within Memorial, Granted y<sup>t</sup>. there be an addition of Eighty pounds, paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Treas<sup>ry</sup>, for y<sup>e</sup> Space of Two years, and to be paid at y<sup>e</sup> Several times as within pray'd for & that a bill be prepared in form.

Past in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test. J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test. HEZ: WYLLYS Clerk

#### CLXIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 10, 1729

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

Att a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at New Haven Sept 10 1729

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr	{	Samuel Andrew, Timothy Woodbridge Moderator, Joseph Webb, John Davenport, Thomas Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams, Samuel Whitman Scribe, Elisha Williams.
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Voted that the Rector be appointed to look over the Acts of the Trustees & such of them as he Judges proper to be put into the Book of records to be placed by themselves, such as are doubtfull by themselves, & such as he judges not fit by themselves, in Order to their being laid before the Trustees & afterwards put on Record.

Voted that the Names of the Benefactors to Yale College & their several Donations be put on Record.

Agreed by the Trustees that upon the Desire of M<sup>r</sup> Fisk, Major Sabin shall be joyned with two persons to be nominated by them to view the Land offered by M<sup>r</sup> Fisk & M<sup>r</sup> Levins & determine whether it be an equivalent for the College Farm given by Maj<sup>r</sup> Fitch, any two of them agreeing therein also that the persons sent to view s<sup>d</sup> Land shall determine by whom the charge thereupon arising shall be defrayed any two of them agreeing therein.

S<sup>r</sup> Parsons was chosen to the Office of a Butler in Yale College. Allowed to S<sup>r</sup> Sergeant one pound for serving in the Place of Monitor the last Year.

Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridge return the Thanks of the Trustees to M<sup>r</sup> Dummer for two valuable Books lately given by him to Yale College as an Addition to his former Bounty.

Voted that the Monitor be allowed three pounds for that Service annually.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Elnathan Whitman & S<sup>r</sup> Hubbard be continued in the Place of Tutors.

Voted that upon every Quarter Day the Rector & the Tutors with M<sup>r</sup> Punderson shall proportion the Advance on Bread to every Schollar according to the Rise of Wheat above what it was last Year which we take to be Seven Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushell: only for ye Year ensuing.

Voted that the Rector be allowed 250 £ out of the Treasury as a Salary for the Year past, & the Tutors 60 £ each as a Salary for the last Year.

Voted that we allow the Charge the Rector has been at about his House and Well, & M<sup>r</sup> Caners further Account about his Barn and the necessary Charges the Steward has been at in Repairs for the College with the Commencement Dinner y<sup>e</sup> Rector is impowered to sign a Note to the Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> Payment of it.

The Trustees received of the Rector thirty one Pounds which was the Sum then paid by the graduated Persons for the Commencement Dinner.

The Miscarriages Delinquencies & Crimes of Mix a Student of

this College have been by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector & Tutors (the Delinquent also being present) laid before the Trustees Board which were striking of several Students & after that running away without the leave of y<sup>e</sup> Rector or Tutor near forty miles distant from y<sup>e</sup> College & not long after that striking & fighting with a man of this Town whose Name is Chatterton & all said Crimes confessed by s<sup>d</sup> Mix on the hearing of which Crimes therefore the Trustees here assembled give Jugement in the Case as follows viz: that s<sup>d</sup> Mix for s<sup>d</sup> Crimes & Offences shall be suspended from all College Priviledges for a Year & then it appearing by good Testimonies that he is reformed in his manners and is become a diligent improver of his Time & Studies his Suspension may be removed he making an Acknowledgement of his Faults publicly in the Hall & answering all College Dues to the Time.

SAMUEL WHITMAN Scribe.

After the Trustees had come into this Agreement & Judgement they received an open letter from s<sup>d</sup> Mix's Father saying that he sees cause to take his son Mix out of the College. Dated September 12 1729.

CLXV. MEMORIAL OF ELISHA WILLIAMS TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 9, 1729  
 with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To The Honour<sup>ble</sup>. The Governour Council and Representatives in Gener<sup>ll</sup>. Court assembled—The Memorial of Elisha Williams Humbly sheweth—

That when the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Timothy Cutler was Rector of Yale College The Assembly were pleased to order, that *himself & his Estate should be free from all Taxes during his Continuance in that Office*; which seeming so plainly to Point out a



Favour as Intended by the Assembly to be annexed to y<sup>e</sup> office. That when I obeyed y<sup>e</sup> Call of This Government in accepting the afores<sup>d</sup>. Charge I could do no other than assure my Self The Assembly would continue y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Favour to that office—unless some way or other The Frowns of The Assembly should be merited. And The Assembly nor any Person has yet Intimated to me that my Service in that office is less acceptable to them Than M<sup>r</sup>. Cutler's as a reason why I should not Like him Share in that Benefit. That y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees for the Colledge in their Memorial Laid before y<sup>e</sup> Assembly in Octob<sup>r</sup>. last past Did shew to the Assembly that y<sup>e</sup> allowances hitherto made were not sufficient to support y<sup>e</sup> Rector in his office. To which I only beg Leave to add, that I who best know my own Circumstances, Do assure your Honours, That in my Coming from Newington to *this Service to which you have seen fit to call me*, I have not Advantaged but Disadvantaged my Temporal Estate—which I am ready to demonstrate to y<sup>r</sup>. Honourable Assembly If it Thinks fit to hear me upon it.

It is y<sup>r</sup>-fore my request to y<sup>a</sup>. Honour<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly That you would graciously please to Grant me the Same Freedom from Taxes, as you have done to my Predecessor, which will Encourage me Cheerfully to Pursue the Great Trust Committed to me—And I shall as In Duty Bound Ever pray &c

ELISHA WILLIAMS.

NewHaven, Oct: 9<sup>th</sup>. 1729.

The Pray<sup>r</sup>. of the above Memoriall granted Excepting the Society Charges in the Parrish of Newington—and that a Bill be drawn in ffirm.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test H<sup>ez</sup>: WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

Read & dissented too in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test. JN<sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

John Hall and John Hooker Esq<sup>rs</sup>. are appointed a Committee to Confer with such Gentlemen as the Lower House shall appoint on the difference of the Houses upon the within Memoriall.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

Mr. Edmond Lewiss & Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Riggs appointed a Com<sup>ttee</sup> to Confer w<sup>th</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> above Com<sup>ttee</sup>. on y<sup>e</sup> Differences of y<sup>e</sup> Houses upon y<sup>e</sup> within memorial

Past in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test: JN<sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

The matter of y<sup>e</sup> within memorial was now reconsidered in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House with y<sup>e</sup> arguments of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ttees</sup>. in Conference on y<sup>e</sup> Difference of y<sup>e</sup> Houses, as reported by Mr. Lewis and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Riggs from y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ttee</sup> and after a large Debate had thereon y<sup>e</sup> question was put Whether y<sup>e</sup> prayer of y<sup>e</sup> above memorial (Excepting y<sup>e</sup> Society Charges in y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Newington) shall be granted.

resolved in y<sup>e</sup> Negative

Test. JN<sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

CLXVI. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF GEORGE BERKELEY

March 24, 1730

[From a copy in Beardsley's *Life of Samuel Johnson*, pp. 73-75, New York, 1874]

This extract, from the first extant letter of the correspondence between Dean Berkeley and the Rev. Samuel Johnson, is printed as being the earliest known reference to Berkeley's interest in the College.

Rev. Sir,

Yours of Feb. 5th came not to my hand before yesterday.

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I send you herewith ten bound books and one unbound. You will take yourself what you have not already. You will give the Principles, the Theory, the Dialogue, one of each, with my service to the gentleman who is Fellow of New Haven College, whose compliments you brought to me . . . . .

Your very humble serv't,

GEOR. BERKELEY.

Pray let me know whether they would admit the writings of Hooker and Chillingworth into the library of the College in New Haven.

Rhode Island, March 24, 1729-30.

CLXVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 9, 1730

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at N. Haven Sept. 9, 1730.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Andrew Moderator
Timothy Woodbridge,
John Davenport,
Tho <sup>s</sup> Buckingham,
Eliphalet Adams,
Samuel Whitman Scribe,
Elisha Williams.

Voted that the Trustees do well accept of the Judgement of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Burnham, Martin Kellogg, Ebenezer Sabin respecting the Equivalency of the Farm at Ouzetunnuck River to that at Killingly.

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Trustees make Choice of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot of Kennelworth to be a Trustee of Yale College in the Room of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Moses Noyes of Lyme deceased.

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Trustees make Choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Mosse of Darby to be a Trusty of Yale College in the Room of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Russel of Branford who by Reason of Age & bodily Infirmities has resigned the Place he held among them.

Voted that S<sup>r</sup> Adams be chosen to the Office of a Butler of Yale College.

Voted that the Trustees accept the Confession of Mix, on his complying with the Judgement of this Board and on his so doing order him to be restored to his former Place & privileges in the College.

Voted that the Tutors have each 5 £ added to their Salaries the one 65 £ the other 70 £.

Voted that the Rector be allowed three Hundred Pounds.

M<sup>r</sup> Andrew drawing of, the Trustees by Vote chose the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Woodbridge Moderator.

The Trustees received of the Rector 27 £ which was the sum p<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Graduated persons for the Commencement Dinner.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Moss & M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot were by Vote chosen to present the memorial of the Trustees to the General Assembly to be holden at N Haven in October next.

Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timo Woodbridge, Tho<sup>s</sup> Buckingham & Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitman carry the memorial of the Trustees to the General Assembly in May next if there should be Occasion.

Voted that six shillings p<sup>r</sup> Week be p<sup>d</sup> by each Student in Commons for the Year ensuing.

Voted that the Thanks of this Board be returned to M<sup>r</sup> Thompson for his Donation and to M<sup>r</sup> Watts for his Donation & to Gov<sup>r</sup> Belcher for the good Service done in procuring a good Donation from one of the forementioned persons & y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Rect<sup>r</sup> is hereby desired to do it

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Eliot be desired to recover as many of the College Books as he can & return them hither at the College Charge.

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CLXVIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CON-  
NECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 9, 1730  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>., the Govern<sup>r</sup>., Council, & Representatives in  
General Court assembled now sitting in New-haven October  
the 8<sup>th</sup>. 1730.

The Memorial of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale-Colledg humbly  
sheweth, y<sup>t</sup> it hath been justly accounted to the honor<sup>r</sup>. of  
this Religious & Generous Assembly, y<sup>t</sup>. Their Provident  
Thoughts for y<sup>e</sup> Interest of Religion & Humane Literature  
have for Twenty nine years past exerted themselvs in found-  
ing by their Authority a Collegiate & Academical Nursery in  
this Colony: & althô by Reason of the Vicissitude of Times It  
hath known a declining State, yet more lately to y<sup>e</sup> great  
Satisfaction of Yourselvs, Us & o<sup>r</sup>. Country in general it has  
arrived at & appears in a flourishing State by a full Supply  
of Officers Academical, vizt: an accomplisht & agreeable  
Rector<sup>r</sup>, & Worthy Tutor<sup>rs</sup>, & a pleasing Increase of Students  
hopeful for a publick Improvem<sup>t</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> Credit of s<sup>d</sup>. Colony:  
Also that to the honor<sup>r</sup>. of s<sup>d</sup>. Assembly thro<sup>u</sup> y<sup>e</sup> divine favor<sup>r</sup>.  
your Smiles have been benignly cast on s<sup>d</sup>. Nursery by a  
favorable Donation from y<sup>e</sup> beginning of s<sup>d</sup>. Founding, &  
since by Reason of y<sup>e</sup> sinking Value of Bills of Credit, there  
have been additional Donations many times from y<sup>e</sup> As-  
sembly, the last whereof expires w<sup>th</sup>. this present Session.  
We entertain, may it please yo<sup>r</sup>. honor<sup>rs</sup>., a perswasion there-  
fore y<sup>t</sup> this Honour<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly will in no wise be wanting  
generously to provide for the hon<sup>ble</sup>. Subsistence of s<sup>d</sup>.  
Nursery yo<sup>r</sup>selsvs have founded, countenanced & supported  
to this time, & humbly intreat yo<sup>r</sup>. tender affection & benefi-  
cence in annually granting the Summ of two hundred & fifty  
pounds in bills of Credit, in consideration y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> necessity of

y<sup>e</sup> Colledg credible Subsistence appears to us to require so much, besides w<sup>t</sup> is obvious to every one among us the Estate of y<sup>e</sup> Bills of Credit is so exceedingly fallen; or in addition to y<sup>e</sup> hundred Pounds annually Granted by y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly would please to grant the Impost Money during their Pleasure—And yo<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists shall as in duty bound ever pray

SAMUEL ANDREW  
TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE  
JOHN DAVENPORT  
THO. BUCKINGHAM  
ELIPHALET ADAMS  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN  
JOSEPH MOSS  
JARED ELIOT

Yale College New Haven Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1730.

Upon the Memorial of the Reverend Trustees of Yale Colledge, This Assembly grants in Addition To the former Allowance of one hundred pounds made To said Colledge, the Sum of One hundred pounds a Year for the Term of Two Years next coming, and what this Assembly allows To said Colledge Shall be Yearly paid the one half thereof in May and the Other half thereof in October the first payment To be made in May next,

Past in the Upper House.

Test: G. WYLLYS Secre<sup>try</sup>.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test. J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

## CLXIX. LETTER OF GEORGE BERKELEY

September 7, 1731

[From a copy in Beardsley's *Life of Johnson*, p. 78,  
New York, 1874]

Addressed to the Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Stratford.

Rev. Sir,

I am now upon the point of setting out for Boston, in order to embark for England. . . . .

My endeavors shall not be wanting, some way or other, to be useful; and I should be very glad to be so in particular to the College at New Haven, and the more as you were once a member of it, and have still an influence there. Pray return my service to those gentlemen who sent their compliments by you.

I have left a box of books with Mr. Kay, to be given away by you . . . . . The Greek and Latin books I would have given to such lads as you think will make the best use of them in the College, or to the school at New Haven. . . . .

Very truly, Rev. Sir, Your most humble servant,

GEOR. BERKELEY.

Rhode Island, Sept. 7, 1731.

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CLXX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 8, 1731

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made about 1733]

At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at N Haven Sept 8, 1731.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr	}	Samuel Andrew Moderator, Joseph Webb, Thomas Buckingham, Eliphalet Adams, Samuel Whitman Scribe, Elisha Williams, Jared Eliot.
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Considering the ill Practice of firing the Gunns at the anniversary Com<sup>ment</sup>. to prevent the same for the future, we strictly forbid it & resolve that if any of the Undergraduates be found to have a Hand in such firing of the Gunns for the future either directly or indirectly during that whole week they shall be punished with Degradation or other such Punishment as the Governours of the Colledge may judge their Fault deserves.

Whereas there are several Books in the Library that are duplicates we resolve that one Book or Sett of each duplicate be sold by the Rector & Tutors & the money improved in purchasing of other Books that the Library at present is not furnished with.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Ebenezer Williams of Pomphrett was chosen a Trustee of Yale Colledge.

Voted that the Salaries of the Rector & Tutors be the same for this Year as they were the last, To the Rector 300 £ & to the eldest Tutor 70 £ & the other 65.

Voted That the Rector give an Order to the Treasurer for the payment of the Commencement Dinner, to M<sup>r</sup> Caner, to the



Monitor, & to the Schollar of the House the respective Sums due to y<sup>m</sup> & also to the Treasurer.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Hubbard be allowed 8 £ for former Services for which his Allowances were small in Case there be a Sufficiency for it after the College Debts are paid.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitman be joyned with the Rector to overlook the Papers belonging to Yale College & determine concerning them what are proper to be put on Record & what not & prepared them to be set before the Trustees at their next Meeting.

Ordered that a Note be drawn of seven Pounds to pay for the Binding M<sup>r</sup> Baxters Works given to this Colledge by y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Holden Esq<sup>r</sup> of London by y<sup>e</sup> Hand of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Coleman.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Hubbard late Tutor be desired to take Care to obtain the Money remaining due to the Colledge by the Excise Act out of which he may have the 8 £ granted to him when the present Debts of the Colledge are paid.

At y<sup>e</sup> Same Meeting S<sup>r</sup> Sergeant was chosen Tutor of Yale Colledge.

### CLXXI. LETTER OF GEORGE BERKELEY

July 25, 1732

[From a copy in Beardsley's *Life of Samuel Johnson*, pp. 79-81, New York, 1874]

Addressed to the Rev. Mr. Johnson. The enclosed deed of conveyance of the author's farm on Rhode Island, for the endowment of scholarships, is in print elsewhere.

London, July 25, 1732.

Rev. Sir,

Some part of the benefactions to the Colledge of Bermuda, which I could not return, the benefactors being deceased, joined with the assistance of some living friends, has enabled

me without any great loss to myself, to dispose of my farm in Rhode Island in favor of the College in Connecticut. It is my opinion that as human learning and the improvements of Reason are of no small use in Religion, so it would very much forward those ends, if some of your students were enabled to subsist longer at their studies, and if by a public tryal and premium an Emulation were inspired into all. This method of encouragement hath been found useful in other learned societies, and I think it cannot fail of being so in one where a person so well qualified as yourself has such influence, and will bear a share in the elections. . . . . This packet . . . . . contains the instrument of conveyance in form of law, together with a letter for Mr. President Williams, which you will deliver to him. I shall make it my endeavor to procure a benefaction of books for the College library, and am not without hopes of success . . . . .

I am very truly, Rev. Sir,

Your faithful humble serv<sup>t</sup>,

GEOR. BERKELEY.

CLXXII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 16, 1732

with the action thereon, in May and October, 1732

[From the original in the State Library]

The Memorial is in the handwriting of Thomas Fitch (Yale 1721), of Norwalk, already one of the leading lawyers in the Colony; it was presented in May, 1732, and referred to the next Assembly.

To y<sup>e</sup> Honourable General Assembly now sitting in Hartford y<sup>e</sup> Memorial of Elisha Williams Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew and y<sup>e</sup> Rest of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale Colledge Humbly Sheweth.

That y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge was first set up and has been much supported by y<sup>e</sup> favour of this assembly and y<sup>t</sup>. yet y<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists are obliged to apply to you for its Support which thing we should be exceeding Glad if in future time you would take away y<sup>e</sup> occasion of by making some present Donation y<sup>t</sup>. may hereafter prove advantagious to s<sup>d</sup>. School and we can think of nothing better than y<sup>t</sup>. you grant a farm of land in each or some of y<sup>e</sup> townships at present only surveyed and hereafter to be Disposed of & settled which thing to us seems Reasonable.

first for y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> promotion of y<sup>e</sup> interest of such a School of Learning in Divine & humane Knowledge is very Laudable and a publick good.

2ly the gift itself at present is but little cost tho after may be Valluable.

3ly y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. School will be likely to improve such farm or farms while particular men will obtain Rights &c. only to make Sale or Merchandise thereof, and it seems to be proper in this as well as in other cases to bestow some part to a Charitable use and unless y<sup>t</sup>. School be well supported there had as good be None and it will be a great Dishonour to y<sup>e</sup> Government, and if men can't be handsomly supported Men of worth will not be prevailed with to Undertake y<sup>e</sup> Care and tuition of y<sup>e</sup> Schollars and therefore y<sup>e</sup> Great Expence men are at in Educating their Sons will very much be Lost. All which and more we beg y<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>rs</sup>. to Consider and Grant thereupon farms as afores<sup>d</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Trustees and their successors in y<sup>t</sup>. office for y<sup>e</sup> use of s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge &c. And we as in Duty bound shall &c.

THO. FITCH	}	Attorneys in behalf of y <sup>e</sup> memorialists
JOSEPH FOWLER		

May 16<sup>th</sup>. 1732

Upon the Memoriall of the Trustees of Yale Colledge moving to this Assembly to Endow the said Colledge with some Lands in the five Townships that be laid out and unsettled on the eastward of Oussatunnuck River

Resolved that when this Assembly shall proceed to settle said five parcells of Land laid out for Townships there shall be three hundred acres of Land in each of s<sup>d</sup>. Townships laid out and secured to remain to the use of the s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge forever.

Past in the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House

Test H<sup>ez</sup>: WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House with this addition y<sup>t</sup>. Each three hund<sup>rd</sup> acres be layd out in one entire piece in each town, so as not to prejudice any of y<sup>e</sup> town plots

Test. J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk.

Vpon the Memorial of the Reuer<sup>d</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Andrew Eliphalet Adams Elisha Williams &c Trustees of Yale Coledge, this Assembly do Grant & order that in each of the five New Townships lately layed out east of Housetunnuck Riuer, there Shall be Layed out in one Intire peice three hundered acres of Land, to be layed at a distance from the Seueral Town plats, which Tracts of Land, containing in the whole fueteen hundered acres, shall when layed out be by a pattent under the Seale of this Colony Granted & Confirmed to the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup>. Coledge To Haue and To Hold to them & their Successors, Trustees of the s<sup>d</sup>. Coledge for the onely & Sole use benefit & behoofe of s<sup>d</sup>. Schoole foreuer, & to no other use.

Past in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test, J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

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 CLXXIII. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF TIMOTHY CUTLER

September 4, 1732

[From a copy in John Nichols's *Illustrations of the Literary History of the Eighteenth Century*, vol. 4, pp. 292-294, London, 1822]

Addressed to the Rev. Dr. Zachary Grey, of Cambridge, England, by the former Rector of Yale, who also maintained a correspondence with the Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Stratford.

He seems to intimate that Rector Williams was disposed to declare for Episcopacy. The suggestion was groundless.

Boston, New England,  
 Sept. 4, 1732.

My Reverend, most worthy, and obliging Friend,

. . . . . Mr. Johnson has the pleasure of bettering the College in his neighbourhood, and seeing several of the Regents and Students advancing towards the Church of England, insomuch that the Rector, who would save his bacon whilst he is getting light, is in danger of having his public salary taken from him whilst he is dodging about; and nothing keeps the brightest of our youth from coming into the Church, but courage enough to starve. . . . .

I remain, Reverend and dear Sir, your most affectionate, thankful, faithful, humble servant,

TIMOTHY CUTLER.

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CLXXIV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 13, 1732

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made soon after this date]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at N Haven Sept 13, 1732

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

{ Samuel Andrew Moderator,  
Eliphalet Adams,  
Samuel Whitman Scribe,  
Elisha Williams,  
Jared Eliot,  
Ebenezer Williams.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge of Hartford, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook of Stratfield, M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Marsh of Windsor were chosen Trustees.

Yale College in New Haven Sept. 13, 1732

To The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Buckingham,

Sir

The Trustees of Yale College in New Haven observing that you attend not y<sup>r</sup> Meetings tho' once legally chosen into their Number they would be glad to know whether you do not think yourself one of their Number & if you are indisposed or think yourself unqualified to serve the Interest of the School any longer, y<sup>r</sup> desire you would send them a Resignation of your Place among them that another may be chosen into it. written by Order of the Trustees

& signed p<sup>r</sup> me

SAM<sup>LL</sup> WHITMAN Scribe.

Voted that the Salaries of the Rector & Tutors be the same this Year as they were the last Year, the Rectors Sallary 300 £ the eldest Tutors 70 £ the other Tutors 65 £.

Agreed that the Service of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman & the Rectors in preparing the Acts of the Trustees for a Record be accepted & that the Rector be desired to see after the recording them.

Voted that the Bread provided by the Steward for the Schollars shall be reckoned at 7 Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushell Wheat quarterly & in Case it cant be obtained for 7 p<sup>r</sup> Bushell what he gives more p<sup>r</sup> Bushell provided it be not more than it might be had for to be allowed by y<sup>o</sup> Rector & Tutors.

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook & M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Williams be a Committee to treat with & intreat the General Assembly in behalf of Yale College to obtain for it a Support for future Time in such a Way & Manner as they think most suitable & convenient.

Voted that the Rector be desired to make up Accounts with the Steward about the Commencement Dinner & order the respective Summs due to the Tutors to the Treasurer the Schollar of the House & the Monitor to be paid to them & the Glaziers Bill to be paid to him.

Sir Adams was chosen Tutor of Yale College.

Sir Cook was chosen Butler of Yale College.

Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot, Ebenezer Williams, Samuel Cook be desired to treat with the Committee for the Meeting House about allowing the Rector some Place in the meeting House that may be a Convenient Seat for his Family.

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CLXXV. LETTER OF BENJAMIN COLMAN

December 2, 1732

[From the printed draft in Turell's *Life of Colman*, pp. 61-62, Boston, 1749]

Two other letters of the same author, addressed to Rector Williams and the Rev. Ebenezer Williams respectively, and of similar purport, are also printed in the *Life of Dr. Colman*, but need not be reproduced here.

To the Rev. Mr. Eliphalet Adams of New London.

Rev. Sir,

As you are one of the Trustees for Yale College, and I know you have the Welfare of that Society much at Heart, as well as the Doctrines and Laws of the Kingdom of Christ as received in these Churches; so at the Desire of some of your sincere and esteemed Friends here I take upon me to write to you at this Time, upon the Fame of the noble Gift to your College, from the reverend and learned Dean Berkley.

I hope it comes to you without the Clog of any Condition that is inconsistent with or subversive of the known and true Intent of the Honourable Founders of your College; and that the Reverend Trustees will carefully see that it does so before they accept of that or any other Donation. . . . .

Give me Leave to add one Word more concerning the Bruit of the Prevalence of Arminianism in the College. I am told that you were your self in such Apprehensions and Fears on that Head, that you enquired earnestly of your Son concerning it; and that the deceased aged Mr. Woodbridge of Hartford a little before his Death was under great Concern on that Account. It would be acceptable to some superior Friends here, if you would freely write upon that Head. . . . .

Your Brother and Servant,

B. C.

Dec. 2, 1732.



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CLXXVI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

December 20, 1732

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made soon after this date]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at the Rectors House at New Haven Dec<sup>r</sup> 20, 1732.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Mess <sup>rs</sup>	}	Samuel Whitman Scribe, Elisha Williams Moderator, Jared Eliot, Ebenezer Williams, Samuel Woodbridge, Jonathan Marsh.
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The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey was chosen a Trustee of Yale College.

Voted That the Rector be desired to apply to M<sup>r</sup> John Reed for such a Draught to be laid before the Assembly of this Colony y<sup>e</sup> next May for such a Change of Names from Rector and Trustees to such as are known in Law, and by which Donations to it may be better holden.

Voted That y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot be hereby desired to go to New Port on Rhodes Island and impowered by y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale College to put y<sup>e</sup> Indenture of D<sup>r</sup> George Berkeley granting to them his Living on s<sup>d</sup> Island on certain Provisoos on the publick Record there to take Possession of the Farm Given and let it out according to his best Discretion.

Voted That y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector be desired in a letter to return y<sup>e</sup> Thanks of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees to the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> George Berkeley for his Generous Donation to them of his Farm at New Port on Rhodes Island.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Hartford y<sup>e</sup> Day following the next General Election of this Colony to address y<sup>e</sup> Assembly in a Body respecting some Alteration to be made in

the Names whereby they are known in the Charter granted us and such other Business as may then appear necessary.

These Votes were passed Affirmly.

Test SAM<sup>LL</sup> WHITMAN Scribe.

CLXXVII. EXTRACTS FROM "THE BENEFACTORS OF  
YALE COLLEGE, A POETICAL ATTEMPT"

Boston, 1733

The author was Col. and Dr. John Hubbard, of New Haven, born 1703, died 1773. He was also the author of "A Monumental Gratitude Attempted," New London, 1727, commemorating the saving of a party of students from shipwreck in crossing Long Island Sound in August, 1726,—which does not need to be further mentioned.

Two of the author's sons were graduated at Yale (in 1744), and a daughter married President Ezra Stiles.

*Connecticut*, be thou the destin'd theme,  
*Minerva* deigns a visit to thy *stream*;

. . . . .

Between two riv'lets lie the chosen grounds;  
On either hand a craggy mountain bounds  
The landscape, and salutes the eye,  
With artless beauties, wild variety:  
Immortal trees their lofty summits grace,  
And solemn *Silence* reigns thro' all the place.

. . . . .

The centre of these well-distinguish'd plains,  
Devoted ground, the humble dome sustains,  
Where without pomp divine *Minerva* reigns.

The pile by *Yale's* beneficence was rais'd,  
Who pious honours to his country paid,  
And deep and strong the sure foundations laid.

Of virtuous learning in his native soil; .  
 A gen'rous bounty and a God-like toil,  
 His country back her grateful vows repeats,  
 And *Yale* in ev'ry thankful bosom beats.

. . . . .

Here flourish *Knowlege* and each useful *Art*  
 That mends the manners or improves the heart.  
 The Tongue that jarr'd the air to harshest noise  
 Now sweetly moves and forms a pleasant voice,  
 And *Language* guiltless of the Pedant's care  
 With easy cadence charms the list'ning ear;

Now *Logick* gives a pondrous weight to sound  
 And *Nonsense* quits the long possessed ground:  
 Here nervous *Locke* the sure foundation lays  
 Of sterling reason, and *his* lasting praise.  
 Divinest *Watts* too lends his helping hands  
 And *Logick* in a beauteous system stands.

. . . . .

By *Dummer* nurs'd as by a Patron's care,  
 Still *Science* grows and grows divinely fair:  
 His opening hand her num'rous wants supplies  
 And next to Heav'n on *that* her hope relies.  
*Yalensia's* Sons in gen'rous *Dummer* find  
*Mecænas's* bounty and great *Tully's* mind.

. . . . .

The *Mathematicks* too our tho'ts employ,  
 Which nobly elevate the *Students* joy:  
 The little *Euclids* round the tables set  
 And at their rigid demonstrations sweat,  
 Till *Truth* appears in a resistless light.

. . . . .

Divine *Philosophy*, a *Goddess* fair  
 Bespeaks our thoughts, our most indulgent care.

. . . . .

A tribe of heav'nly minds attend her shrine:  
 With well distinguish'd wreaths do *Newton* shine  
 And *Berkeley*, both immortal, both divine.

. . . . .

*Yalensia* owes the pow'r of knowing more  
 Than all her *Sisters* on the western shore,  
 To *Berkeley's* lib'ral hand that gave a *Prize*  
 (To animate her sons to glorious fame.)

. . . . .

The rival Youths engage our warmest care,  
 A crimson blush their modest faces wear.  
 Whilst ancient *greek* and *latin* try their skill,  
 Inconstant tides of blood the vessels fill.

. . . . .

May *Berkeley's* genius on your heads descend,  
 And happy infl'ence to the Victors lend.

. . . . .

My infant genius sinks beneath the song,  
 And only whispers *Berkeley's* name along  
 In broken sounds: beneath the task it dies,  
 To gratitude a willing sacrifice.

CLXXVIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE  
 CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 11, 1733  
 with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble.</sup> the Gen<sup>l.</sup> Assembly of his Maj<sup>ties.</sup> Colony of  
 Connecticut conven'd at Hartford May 10, 1733

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College in N. Haven  
 humbly sheweth

That, whereas it hath pleased this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly, not only at first to encourage the Erection of s<sup>d</sup>. College, but also from time to time to contribute to its Support by annual Supplies of publick moneys; and also to give Assurance of your Generous Intentions for y<sup>e</sup> Perpetuating the s<sup>d</sup>. College, by the provision you have made for its future Supplies in y<sup>e</sup> Donation of publick Lands for y<sup>t</sup>. purpose. For which We beg leave to return our hearty thanks; and Acknowledge y<sup>t</sup>. under God, our Dependance is very much on this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly for the further necessary Supplies thereof. We would humbly remind you that in October 1730 It pleased this Court to grant an addition of one hundred pounds p<sup>r</sup>. Annum to the hundred pounds formerly granted for the Support of Said College; to continue for the Space of two Years which expired in October last. Whereupon Yo<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists become humble Petitioners for the Renewal of your Favour by a like Grant to continue during the Courts Pleasure. The Necessity of the College obliging us earnestly to entreat, and your Steady Favour in all time past encouraging us to hope for the Continuance thereof as above requested. And yo<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c.

E: WILLIAMS  
 ELIPHALET ADAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN  
 JARED ELIOT  
 EBENEZER WILLIAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WOODBRIDGE  
 JONATHAN MARSH  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. COOKE.  
 SAMUEL WHITTELSEY

Hartford, May 11, 1733

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House, the question was put Whether any thing should be Granted on this memorial, resolved in y<sup>e</sup> Negative

Test, J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

In the Upp<sup>r</sup>. House. Read and Concurr<sup>d</sup>. with

Test HEZ: WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

www.lib.ysu.edu CLXXIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 12, 1733

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made soon after this date]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library of Yale College at New Haven Sept<sup>r</sup> 12, 1733.

Then present the Rev <sup>d</sup> Messieurs	Elisha Williams Moderator, Eliphalet Adams, Samuel Whitman, Jared Eliot, Ebenezer Williams, Samuel Woodbridge, Jonathan Marsh, Samuel Cook, Samuel Whittelsey.
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Agreed That every Barrel of Beer delivered to the Butler @ 8/ p<sup>r</sup> Barrel shall be made of Half a Bushell of good Barley Malt after it is ground or a Bushell of good Oat Malt after it is ground or a peck of good Barley Malt after it is ground and a Quart of good Molosses or half a Bushell of good Oat Malt after it is ground & a quart of good Molosses & be mash't and well brewed & hopped.

Agreed That the Steward of this College shall for the Year ensuing pay to the Butler of the same fourty shillings p<sup>r</sup> Quarter as a Reward for his Service in dealing out the Commons of Bread and Bear to the Schollars.

Agreed That the Butler of this College shall for the Year ensuing pay to the Treasurer of the College fourty Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Quarter on the Account of y<sup>e</sup> Lost Commons of Bread & Beer which are by this Act allowed to the said Butler.

Whereas a Complaint hath been offered at this Board by the Schollars of this House of the Insufficiency and Faultiness of their Commons and Sizings & the Steward having desired that a Committee might be appointed to hear the same, wee there-

fore do hereby impower Messieurs Elisha Williams, Jared Eliot, Ebenezer Williams, Jonathan Marsh, Samuel Cook and Samuel Whittelsey the next Tuesday after the next publick Thanksgiving to meet at the College Library and hear what the said Schollars have to offer for the justifying of their said Complain and what the Steward may offer in his own Vindication, to order and determine what the Steward shall do in the Matters complained of and to put in another Steward in Case The present Steward will not comply with their Orders & Determinations. The Trustees now present pray y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew that he would please to be one of the Committee in the Business last Voted and desire the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cook to acquaint him with it at his Return.

Voted That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector, the Tutors, Treasurer, Library keeper, Schollar of the House & Monitor be allowed the same Sallary each of them as They were the last Year if there be a sufficiency in y<sup>e</sup> Treasury.

Voted That if there be not a Sufficiency in the College Treasury to pay the respective Sallaries granted then the Defalcation to be in Proportion to the respective Sallaries.

Whereas the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dean Berkeley hath further expressed his great Generosity and Goodness to this College in procuring and sending a very valuable Collection of Books contained in Eight Boxes, Agreed That the Humble Service and sincerest Thanks of this Board be returned to him in a Letter by y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector.

Voted That a Memorial then drawn be carried to the General Assembly at their Meeting in October next.

Voted That the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman, Samuel Woodbridge and Samuel Cooke present the Memorial agreed on to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly in Oct<sup>or</sup> next.

Agreed That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector at the Cost of this College order Suitable Boxes to be made for the Reception of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dean Berkeley's Collection of Books lately sent to the said College. Voted That the Persons chosen to carry their Memorial to the Assembly in October do answer the Letter of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Buckingham.

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CLXXX. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CON-  
NECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 12, 1733  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of his Maj<sup>ties</sup>. Colony of Connecticutt to be convened at New-Haven October 11, 1733

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College in New-Haven humbly Sheweth

That Whereas it hath pleased this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly not only at first to encourage the Erection of the s<sup>d</sup>. College; but also from time to time to Contribute to its Support by Annual Supplies of publick moneys, and also to give Assurance of your generous Intentions for the perpetuating the s<sup>d</sup>. College by the Provision you have made for its future Supplies in the Donation of publick Lands for that Purpose, for which We renew our hearty thanks, & Acknowledge our Dependance is very much on this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly for the further Supplies thereof. We would humbly remind you, that in October 1730 this Court granted an Addition of one hundred pounds per annum to the hundred pounds formerly granted to continue for the space of two Years which expired in October last. Upon which We were obliged to move the Assembly in May last for the repetition of that your favour, which not having been then considered, and the Necessities of the College being extreamly urgent, We must Renew our earnest Suit to you at this time, and entreat you would now Consider the Case and favour the College with the s<sup>d</sup>. Additional Grant of one hundred pounds for this year now expiring and for Such Term in future as in your Wisdom and Goodness you shall think meet.



And your Memorialists shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c.

ELISHA WILLIAMS  
 SAMUEL ANDREW  
 ELIPHALET ADAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN  
 JARED ELIOT  
 EBENEZER WILLIAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WOODBRIDGE  
 JONATHAN MARSH  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. COOKE  
 SAMUEL WHITTELSEY.

New-Haven Sept<sup>r</sup>. 12, 1733

On y<sup>e</sup> above Memorial Granted one hundred pounds as prayed for, and with y<sup>e</sup> addition of One hundred pounds, to be paid at y<sup>e</sup> End of y<sup>e</sup> Ensueing Year.

past in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test. J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. with in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>r</sup>.

CLXXXI. LETTER OF ISAAC WATTS

August 16, 1734

[From the University Archives]

The author was the well-known nonconformist minister and hymnologist, of London.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Sir

Having been informed that you want a pair of Globes for y<sup>e</sup> use of your College, I was lately in Company with a friend of mine who offerd to make such a present so far as 6 pound would go. I accepted y<sup>e</sup> proposall & engaged M<sup>r</sup>. Senex to fit up a pair quite new, with all necessary appendices, of 17 inches meter, & to paint 'em according to my direction, & have

transmitted them to you by Mr. Levingston. I hope they will be accepted & usefull. . . . . With hearty desires of the success of your College in training up men, Christians & ministers for y<sup>e</sup> Service of y<sup>e</sup> following Age. I commend my Self to your Prayers & am

Sir

Your obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>. & Bro<sup>r</sup>.

I WATTS.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 16, 1734.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Elisha Williams  
Rector of Yale College  
Newhaven.

CLXXXII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 11, 1734

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made soon after this date]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New Haven  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 11 1734.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Samuel Andrew Moderator,  
Eliphalet Adams,  
Samuel Whitman Scribe,  
Elisha Williams Rector,  
Jared Eliot,  
Ebenezer Williams  
Samuel Woodbridge  
Samuel Cooke  
Samuel Whittelsey.

It was put to Vote whether they continue M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Edwards in the Office of a Steward of Yale College (which Office he has been in for some Years past) any longer. Passed in the Negative.

Voted By the Trustees, That the Electors appointed in the

Deed of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dean Berkeley Dated y<sup>e</sup> 17 Day of August in the Seventh Year of King George the Second in the Year of our Lord 1733, do in their Elections of Persons named therein Schollars of the House and the Trustees do in their Disposals of the Profits of the Farm therein given to the Persons elected conform to the Directions given in said Deed.

Voted That no Student Graduate nor Undergraduate in Yale College shall play at Chards and if any Person brings in a Pack of Chards he shall pay a Fine not exceeding five shillings and if any play at Chards they shall pay a Fine not exceeding Three Shillings and that no other Plays depending on a Lot forbidden by y<sup>e</sup> Rector shall be practised without incurring y<sup>e</sup> like Penalty and if the Offences above be repeated besides the Penalty above They shall be abridg'd such College Privileges or be ordered such College Exercises for a Time as y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector and Tutors shall think fit. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey were appointed a Committee to carry their Address to the General Assembly in their Session at New Haven in October next praying for the Continuance of their former Bounty needful for the Support of Yale College.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey Jun<sup>r</sup> was chosen Tutor of Yale College in the Place of M<sup>r</sup> William Adams who then resigned his Place to the Trustees.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke was chosen Steward of Yale College.

S<sup>r</sup> Hart was chosen Butler of Yale College.

Voted By the Trustees that an Address or Memorial to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> General Assembly drawn and Signed by them be laid before the said Assembly when convened at New Haven in Octob<sup>r</sup> next by their Committee appointed for that Purpose Viz<sup>t</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cooke & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whittelsey.

Voted That the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge do address the General Assembly in their Session at Hartford in May next provided the Committee appointed to address the Assembly in October next obtain not the Encouragement for the Support of the College by them prayed for.

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CLXXXIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 11, 1734  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of this Colony to Con-  
vene at New Haven on the Second Thursday of October next.

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale-College in New-  
Haven Humbly Sheweth—

That the Support of the s<sup>d</sup>. College is necessarily dependant  
upon those Supplies which this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly hath been  
pleased to Grant from time to time; for which We renew our  
hearty thanks. And Whereas in October last this Assembly  
was pleased to give for the s<sup>d</sup>. purpose (as in time past they  
had done) in Addition to the Standing grant of one hundred  
pounds per Annum; to Say one hundred pounds for the year  
then past & one hundred pounds for the Year then next en-  
suing, which is now expired. We therefore do now (as the  
Necessities of the College oblige us) earnestly entreat this  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly to renew the s<sup>d</sup>. Additional Grant of one  
hundred pounds for the Support of the s<sup>d</sup>. College, for such  
Continuance as your Honours shall think meet; and Your  
Memorialists Shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c.

SAMUEL ANDREW  
ELIPHALET ADAMS  
SAMUEL WHITMAN  
JARED ELIOT  
EBEN<sup>a</sup>. WILLIAMS  
SAM<sup>ll</sup>. WOODBRIDGE  
SAMUEL COOKE  
SAMUEL WHITTELEY

Yale College, New-Haven, Sep<sup>r</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>. 1734

In the lower House. Upon the above Memoriall granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of One Hundred pounds, to be drawn from y<sup>e</sup> Publick Treasury, for y<sup>e</sup> Space of one year and y<sup>t</sup>. a bill be drawn in form.

Test. JOHN BULKLEY Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. with in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>ry</sup>.

CLXXXIV. REQUEST OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AN ACCOUNT OF  
THE INCOME AND EXPENSES OF THE COLLEGE,  
WITH THE REPLY OF THE TRUSTEES

October 15-16, 1734

[From the original *Journal* of the Lower House, in the Secretary of State's office, and the Reply in the State Library]

A bill past this [*i.e.*, the Lower] house appointing Mr. Eben<sup>r</sup>. West and Cap<sup>t</sup>. William Wadsworth a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to wait upon the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of Yale Colledge and desire of them an acct<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> State, Circumstances and disbursm<sup>ts</sup>. of s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge to be laid before this house.

An Estimate of y<sup>e</sup> Common annuall Incomes

To Study Rent . . . . .	£ 70-00-0
To Tuition money . . . . .	195-00-0
To Granted out of y <sup>e</sup> Colony Treasury . . . . .	100-00-0
To paid by the Butler for his privilege . . . . .	8-00-0
	<hr/>
	£373-00-0

And Disbursements of Yale College N. Haven

By a Salary to the Rector . . . . .	£300-00-0
By Salaries to 2 Tutors at £65 each . . . . .	130-00-0
By paid to the Library Keeper . . . . .	5-00-0

By paid to the College Treasurer for his Service	8-00-0
By paid to the Schollar of the House . . . . .	3-00-0
By paid to the Monitor . . . . .	3-00-0
By y <sup>e</sup> Charge of y <sup>e</sup> Trustees meeting annually .	10-00-0
By paid for Repairs (besides what is chargeable on the Schollars), and Incidentall charges . .	25-00-0
	<hr/>
	£484-00-0
	373-00-0
	<hr/>
	111-00-0

The above Estimate impartially made is humbly presented to the Honourable the house of Representatives on their Direction

By SAMUEL COOKE } Com<sup>tee.</sup> of the  
SAMUEL WHITTELSEY } Trustees

N. Haven October 16, 1734

### CLXXXV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 10, 1735

[From a copy of the original minutes in the University Archives, made soon after this date]

Att a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library at New Haven September 10, 1735.

Then present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> { Samuel Andrew Mod<sup>tor</sup>,  
Eliphalet Adams,  
Samuel Whitman Scribe,  
Elisha Williams Rector,  
Jared Eliot,  
Ebenezer Williams,  
Samuel Woodbridge,  
Jonathan Marsh,  
Samuel Cooke.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Andrew was chosen Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitman Scribe.

At the same Meeting a Second Degree was granted to S<sup>r</sup> Roberts by the Trustees in the Evening after the Commencement he having desired it before but being forgotten before and when the Degrees were given publicly in the Meeting House his Absence occasioning his Desire of a Degree tho' absent his being providentially hindered by Business.

The Trustees made Choice of S<sup>r</sup> Wolcott to be a Tutor of Yale College.

Voted By the Trustees that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams Rector of Yale College have three Hundred Pounds allowed him for his Service in the College for the last Year. Sixty five Pounds allowed to one of the Tutors for his Sallary and five Pounds for keeping the Library last Year, and to y<sup>e</sup> other Tutor Sixty Five Pounds for his Sallary.

The Account of M<sup>r</sup> Tallmadge for Work done in repairing the last Year amounting to £38-11-8 was allowed.

Monitor's Sallary £3-0-0. Schollar's of the House £3-0-0. Treasurer's £8-0-0.

Allowed to M<sup>r</sup> William Adams formerly Tutor of Yale College the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Allowed to M<sup>r</sup> Talmadge and the other that viewed the College in Order to a Computation of what was needful to repair it the Sum of Eight shillings.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes was chosen a Trustee of Yale College.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke, M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes were chosen a Committee to present the Memorial of the Trustees to the Assembly to be holden at New Haven on Octob<sup>r</sup> next.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey were chosen a Committee to revise the Laws and draw up such as they may think proper for the good Government of the College to whom the Committee above were joyned.

Voted By the Trustees That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes, be a Committee to examine and pass the Accounts of the Year passed, not past by this Body at y<sup>e</sup> Present Meeting.

Voted By the Trustees of Yale College, That the Committee appointed to present the Memorial of the Trustees to the Assembly be impowered to advise with some of the Principal Gentlemen in the Assembly about some proper Measures for the Suppressing of Disorders on the Commencement both at the Meeting House and at College in the Evening after it.

CLXXXVI. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 10, 1735  
with the action thereon

[From the original Memorial, in the State Library; and the *Journals* of the two Houses, in the Secretary of State's office]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly of Connecticutt to convene at New-Haven on the 9<sup>th</sup>. day of October Anno Dom. 1735

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale-College in New-Haven humbly Sheweth,

That this Assembly on our Application in October last was pleased to provide for the Support of the s<sup>d</sup>. College by Adding to the Standing Grant, one hundred pounds for the year then past and one hundred pounds for the Year then next coming; which Term having now expired, and y<sup>e</sup> Necessities of y<sup>e</sup> College being Still the Same; We renew our humble Address to this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly; that you would be pleased to renew a Grant of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Additional hundred pounds to the s<sup>d</sup>. College for Such Continuance as to your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. may seem fit, in whose Wisdom & Goodness we confide: concluding that your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. will think it fit, that the s<sup>d</sup>. Nursery of Learning



erected at first and ever since patronized by this Assembly should be stil subsisted; for which it appears necessary that it have the usuall Supplies.

Furthermore, We look on our Selves obliged in Faithfulness to the Trust reposed in us by this Assembly, to Signify to yo<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>rs</sup>., that there appears a present Necessity of such Expences for the Repairs of the College as We are utterly unable to defray. Whereupon we humbly move, that your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. will be pleased to Satisfie your Selves of the State of the s<sup>d</sup>. House by a Com<sup>tee</sup>. or otherwise as you shall think fit, and thereupon in your great Goodness provide for the needfull Repairs. And yo<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c.

SAMUEL ANDREW  
ELIPHALET ADAMS  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN  
ELISHA WILLIAMS  
JARED ELIOT  
EBENEZER WILLIAMS  
SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WOODBRIDGE  
SAMUEL COOKE  
JONATHAN MARSH  
JOSEPH NOYES

Yale-College in New-Haven }  
Sept<sup>r</sup>. 10, 1735. }

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From the records of the Lower House.

On y<sup>e</sup> memorial of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale Colledge granted one hundred pounds in addition to y<sup>e</sup> former Grant, for 3 years next coming, and Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Marsh, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Is. Dickerman, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Dan<sup>ll</sup>. Coit, M<sup>r</sup>. Jos. Blacklach & Cap<sup>t</sup>. Thom. Dyer are appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Joyn such Gentlemen as y<sup>e</sup> upp<sup>r</sup>. House shall appoint to view y<sup>e</sup> State of y<sup>e</sup> Colledge as to w<sup>t</sup>. repairs may be necessary & make report.

From the records of the Upper House.

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The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale Colledge sent up, granted thereupon 100<sup>l</sup> p<sup>r</sup>. Annum for 3 years & that Bill &c. And also a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Joyn such as might be appointed att this Board to View the State of s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge as to what repairs may be Necessary & make Report to this Assembly, Concurr<sup>d</sup>. with and Edmund Lewiss Esq<sup>r</sup>. is appointed to Joyn the Gent<sup>t</sup> of the lower House to View &c.

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From the records of the Lower House.

The report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>. sent to View Yale Colledge, Approved, in this House, and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Isaac Dickerman & M<sup>r</sup>. John Punderson are appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to oversee y<sup>e</sup> work & provide materials & hire workmen, & also y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Com<sup>tee</sup>. are ordered to Draw out of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Treas<sup>ry</sup> 50 lb. to Materials and Lay their accounts before y<sup>e</sup> assembly in May next.

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From the records of the Upper House.

A Bill from the lower House Approving Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>. Appointed to View the Circumstances of Yale College &c and Appointing a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to repair the Same &c. Concurr<sup>d</sup>. with Amendment.

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CLXXXVII. JOHN PUNDERSON'S ACCOUNT, RENDERED  
TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR  
COLLEGE REPAIRS

May 20, 1736  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

An account of some charges laid out in Repairing the  
Colage house in Newhauen and the fence

	lb	s	d
By boards for the fence	10	0	0
by cedar posts for the fence	04	0	0
by oyl and ocar to couler it	07	0	0
by makeing the fence and nales	12	0	0
by oyl to couler the house	15	0	0
by lamb black and white ocar	04	0	0
by white lead	13	0	0
by Makeing and mending Doors Nales & boards	08	0	0
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	73	10	0

Errours Excepted

JOHN PUNDERSON

Newhauen  
20<sup>th</sup>. May 1736

Lower House—Read and ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Isaac Dicker-  
man Draw out of y<sup>e</sup> Publick Treasury 50<sup>lb</sup> for prosecuting y<sup>e</sup>  
Repairs of y<sup>e</sup> Colledg & that a Bill &c

Test J. BULKLEY Clerk

In the Upper House  
Concurred with

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>r</sup>.

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CLXXXVIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 8-9, 1736

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A meeting of the Trustees of Yale-College at y<sup>e</sup> Library in New-Haven Sep<sup>r</sup> 8, 1736.

Present were the Rev <sup>nd</sup> M <sup>rs</sup>	}	Samuel Andrew chosen Moder <sup>tr</sup>
		Elisha Williams Rector
		Jared Eliot
		Samuel Woodbridge
		Jonathan Marsh
		Samuel Cooke chosen Scribe
		Samuel Whittelsey
		Joseph Noyes

M<sup>r</sup> Hart, who was chosen Butler the last year, having Signified to y<sup>e</sup> Rector his Resignation of that Post: The Trustees by Vote make Choice of Sir Williams the Rector's Second Son to be the Butler in his stead.

The Meeting adjourned till eight a Clock to morrow-Morning Sep<sup>r</sup> 9. A.M. The Trustees met according to Adjournment.

Voted, that the Salary of the Rector for the year now expiring be £300 :- :-

Voted, that the Salary of M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey the Sen<sup>r</sup> Tutor for the same Year be £:65 :- :-, & that he be allowed also five pounds for his care of the Library.

Voted also, that the S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey be allowed £:20- more for his Extraordinary Service occasioned by y<sup>e</sup> Providential absence of y<sup>e</sup> other Tutor.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Tutor Wolcott be allowed £:45- for his good Service in the College, a part of this Year, being taken off by his Sickness a Considerable part.

Several Accounts against the College here exhibited and allowed were

of Cap <sup>t</sup> Talmadge inclusive of Jones's	£:22:17:8	}	
For writing our Records 43 pages at 2/	4: 6:0		
of M <sup>r</sup> Rector for p <sup>d</sup> to Sundries . . .	12: 2:6		
of William Chatterdon . . . . .	2: 6:0		
of the Steward . . . . .	21:15:3		
To D <sup>o</sup> allowed for care & trouble in providing for y <sup>e</sup> Dinner last year besides Cost charged in his Bill	3: 0:0	}	
To which is added to y <sup>e</sup> Mon <sup>r</sup> & Schollar of the House as hath been before Stated 3 <sup>lb</sup> each	6:0:0		
To which Add the Salaries above to the Rector & Tutors in the whole . . . . .	435:0:0	}	
For the Trustees Charges as allowed hereinafter . . . . .	4:0:0		

Voted, that the Thanks of this Board be returned by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Rector to Thomas Fitch Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Fowler for their kind & good Office in moving to & obtaining of the General Assembly a generous Grant of Lands in the New Townships for this College.

Voted, that a Memorial be presented on behalf of the Trustees to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Colony in October next, humbly moving to the Assembly, that the Lands in the New Townships granted to the College may be laid out accordingly.

Voted, that Thomas Fitch Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Fowler be requested to draw up & forward the S<sup>d</sup> Memorial.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> the Rector and M<sup>r</sup> Noyes be desired on behalf of the Trustees to afford their Assistance in forwarding y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Memorial, if need be.

Voted, that in case of the Providential absence of a Tutor for any time before the next Commencement, from the Business of the College: the Rector & Resident Tutor provide for the Supply of such occasional Vacancy Some meet Person, who Shall be recompensed for such Service.

Voted, that for the future every one that receiveth a first Degree in this College shall pay to the Steward thirty Shillings for the Charge of the publick entertainment at Commencement for which the s<sup>d</sup> Steward shall be Accountable to our Treasurer.

Voted, that for the future every one that receiveth a Degree either first or Second shall pay to the Rector for his Degree thirty Shillings

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> the Rector examin and pass the Stewards Bill for the Charge of the publick entertainment of this Commencement.

Voted, that the Trustees meet in this place at five a Clock afternoon on the Day immediately preceeding the next Commencement.

Allowed for Charges in attending on this present Occasion viz<sup>t</sup>

To the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>rs</sup>	{	Samuel Andrew . . . . .	0: 8:0
		Jared Eliot . . . . .	0:14:0
		Samuel Woodbridge . . . . .	1: 4:0
		Jonathan Marsh . . . . .	1: 4:0
		Samuel Cooke . . . . .	0:11:0
		Samuel Whittelsey . . . . .	0: 8:0
		4: 9:0	

By the Acc<sup>ts</sup> of the Debts and Credits of the College brought down to Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1735, it appears that the Ballance in Favour of the College is . . . . . £:14:10:5

but besides there appears to be in the Treasurers hands beyond what can at present be accounted for . . . . .	}	59:15:3
		£:74: 5:8

From which Sum must be deducted for due to y <sup>e</sup> Treasurer from 1727 to 1735 at 8 <sup>lb</sup> p <sup>r</sup> Annum . . . . .	}	64: 0:0
		10: 5:8

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

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CLXXXIX. ACCOUNT OF ISAAC DICKERMAN AND JOHN  
PUNDERSON FOR COLLEGE REPAIRS, PRESENTED TO  
THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 18, 1736  
with the action thereon

[From the original accounts, in the State Library; and  
the printed *Colonial Records*, vol. 8, p. 66, Hartford,  
1874]

To the Honourable Generall assembly now sitting in New-  
hauen according to your desire we the subscribers have done  
somthing to repare the Collage house in Newhauen and the  
fence belonging to it and hear foloweth an account of what  
mony we haue laid out

	lb.	s.	d
by 73 red cedar posts 1 <sup>s</sup> for each 3 <sup>lb</sup> -13 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup> 2 gate posts 9 <sup>s</sup>	4	2	0
by making the fence and colouring of it	10	0	0
by 8 galons of oyle to colour the fence	8	0	0
by boards for the fence 2150 foot whitewood boards	10	0	0
by nales for the fence and the house 1000 4 <sup>d</sup> nales	0	14	0
by 800 6 <sup>d</sup> nales 2 <sup>a</sup> -3 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> 100 18 <sup>s</sup> by 50 Foot cla- bords 5	1	03	0
by 2000 and 800 of 10 <sup>d</sup> nales 34 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> 1000	4	15	2
by 4000 and 200 of 8 <sup>d</sup> nales 1 <sup>lb</sup> -10-0 p <sup>r</sup> 1000	6	6	0
by a 1000 of short shingles 1 <sup>lb</sup> -12 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup>	1	12	0
by 1300 of long shingles for the kiching 8 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> 100	5	4	0
by ½ on barill of lamb black to colour the house	1	0	0
by 90 <sup>lb</sup> of white occar 5 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb :	1	17	6
by 206 <sup>lb</sup> of white lead at 2 <sup>a</sup> -8 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb	27	9	4
by 37 <sup>lb</sup> of red occar at 3 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb	0	9	3
by 400 of white wood boards 9 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> 100	1	16	0
by 24 <sup>lb</sup> of sheet lead to prevent rain coming in by the chimney 13 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb	1	06	0

by preparing the lead and putting it on	0	16	0
by making staples hinges and latches for the doors	1	19	0
500 of sawne clabords carting 2 load of posts & pulling downe y <sup>e</sup> old fence	2	10	0
by 30 dayes work at the Colage to repare the roof and the sides, and to shingle the kitching 5 <sup>a</sup> -6 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> day	8	5	0
by 19 galons 2 quarts & on pint of oyle for the house 20 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> galon	19	12	6
by mending the walls within the house	00	14	0
by twelve bushels of lime 1 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> bushell	00	12	0
by making fine outward doors and hanging them:			
by casing a mantletre and mending the per-tions all	7	10	6
by 3 dayes work at the Colage house	1	0	0
by a part of severall dayes to make stages and to mix the coulers & boyle the oyle for the Colage house	2	0	0
by 46 dayes work & on half day to couler the Colage by Captain Talmage for which he doth demand 10 <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> day	23	5	0
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	153	18	3

Errours Excepted.

ISAAC DICKERMAN }  
JOHN PUNDERSON } Comitte

for which work done we have Receiude 50<sup>lb</sup>-0-0.

Newhauen 18<sup>th</sup> October 1736

At a General Assembly holden at New Haven . . . . . on the second Thursday of October, 1736.

. . . . . This Assembly order, That the sum of fifty-three pounds eighteen shillings and three pence be paid out of the publick treasury unto Messrs. Isaac Dickerman and John Ponderson, which, together with fifty pounds granted in May last, is in full for repairing Yale College . . . . .



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CXC. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 14-15, 1737

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College New-Haven in the Library Sept<sup>r</sup>. 14-1737

Presents the Rev <sup>d</sup>	{	Mr Elisha Williams Rector
		Mr Eilaphalet Adams
		Mr Jared Eliot
		Mr Ebenezer Williams
		Mr Samuel Woodbridge
		Mr Samuel Cooke
		Mr Samuel Whittelsey
		Mr Joseph Noyes

Mr Elisha Williams chosen Moderator.

Mr Samuel Cooke chosen Scribe.

Upon Application made to this Board for that Favour by Mr Davis a Senior Bachelour Graduated at Cambridge

Voted that he admitted now a Degree of Master of Arts in this College.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Samuel Whitman appeared in y<sup>e</sup> Meeting.

Upon the Application of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John Graham Voted that he be now admitted to a Degree of Master of Arts in this College.

On the Memorial of the Steward now laid before this Board for allowance by Addition to the Commons in Consideration of the rise of the price of Meat for Some part of the present year, Voted that it appears just & reasonable that Some Allowance be made him. Voted also that the Steward be allowed Six pence per Week for every Student in Commons during the third Quarter of the year last according to y<sup>e</sup> Number of Weeks that the Students were Severally in Commons during the S<sup>d</sup> Quarter. Voted also y<sup>t</sup> the Steward be allowed one penny per Week for the Second Quarter and

two pence per Week for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of s<sup>d</sup> year to be paid by each Student in proportion to the time of their being in Commons during in s<sup>d</sup> Quarters respectively, Voted also y<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> allowances be paid now with the last Quarter's Bill to be made up.

The Trustees by Vote make choice of Sir Lockwood for a Tutor of the College, which he declared his Acceptance of.

Adjourned to Eight a Clock to-Morrow-Morning.

15. A.M. Met according to adjournment.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Settle the College Acc<sup>ts</sup> with our Treasurer for the two last years on the Foot of the Reckoning now made with Treasurer bringing down the Acc<sup>ts</sup> to Sep<sup>r</sup> 1735, and therein particularly to Consider that Article of y<sup>e</sup> 59<sup>th</sup>-15-3 referred to in Said Adjustment and do therein what may appear just & equitable, to meet in the Business at New Haven some time before the Expiration of the first Quarter of the Coming year

Voted that the Salary of the Rector for the year now expiring be three hundred pounds. Voted, that the Rector be allowed also forty three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence for extraordinary Service the Same year occasioned necessarily, there having been but one Tutor in the Term.

Voted that the Salary of the Tutor for the year now expiring be Sixty five pounds. Voted, that the Said Tutor be allowed also twenty one pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence for Extraordinary Service thro want of another Tutor.

Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> James Talmadge's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Work on the College for the year now expiring amounting on a Ballance to £12-10-1 be allowed.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Jones's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Work on y<sup>e</sup> College for the year now expiring amounting to £5-17-5 be allowed.

Voted, that a Com<sup>tee</sup> be appointed to provide Tutors for the College not exceeding two at one time during the intervals betwixt the meetings of the Trustees, as often as occasion

shall be, Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Noyes, M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey M<sup>r</sup> Eliot & M<sup>r</sup> Cooke be the Com<sup>tee</sup> for the s<sup>d</sup> Purpose for the year ensuing

Voted, that no Tutor leave the Service of the College in the Intervals of the Commencements without leave from the Trustees or their Com<sup>tee</sup>.

Voted, that for the future each undergraduate Student Shall pay for Tuition fifteen Shillings a Quarter.

Voted, that for the future one Tutor at least shall be always resident at College except in the Vacations.

It having been observed, that on Commencement Occasions, there is a great expence in Spirituous distilled Liquors in College, which is justly Offensive. For the prevention hereof It is Agreed & Voted by the Trustees, that for the future no Candidate for a Degree, nor any undergraduate Student, shall provide or allow any Brandy Rum or other Spirituous distilled Liquors to be drunk in his Chamber during the Week of the Commencem<sup>t</sup>. And if any shall transgress against this Act, the person or persons so transgressing & being thereof Convicted shall be debarred the future Honours of the College, as the Trustees Shall think fit.

Voted, that a Com<sup>tee</sup> be appointed to adjust the price of Commons, at the Close of every Quarter of the ensuing year according as the ready money price of provisions shall be found in proportion to what they were when the Commons were last Stated. Voted, that the Rector, M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey M<sup>r</sup> Eliot & M<sup>r</sup> Noyes be our Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Purpose afores<sup>d</sup>.

Memorandum, The Steward is Chargeable for the Dinner money for 36 Commencers at 30/ . . . . . £54- 0-0  
Of which he paid to the Trustees . . . . . 8- 3-6

Remains to be returned to the College Treasury . . . . . £45-16-6

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

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CXCI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 13-14, 1738

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in the Library  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 13; 1738, present were

M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams Chosen Mod<sup>r</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman

M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge

M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Marsh

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes.

Voted, that the Rector be desired and Authorized on behalf of  
the Trustees to get the College Farm in y<sup>e</sup> New Township of  
[ ] as soon as may be laid out to the best advantage of the  
College at his Discretion.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman and M<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel Woodbridge be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to apply to the Government  
for Patents for the College Farms in y<sup>e</sup> New Townships if  
there appear Occasion for it before the next Meeting of the  
Trustees.

Adjourned till to-morning-morning 8 of the Clock

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Cooke, M<sup>r</sup> Eliot, M<sup>r</sup>  
Whitelsey and M<sup>r</sup> Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees to pro-  
vide tutors for the College if need be for the year now  
beginning.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey, and M<sup>r</sup> Noyes  
be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to provide a Butler for the College, if need be, for  
the year now beginning on such Conditions as may appear  
equitable.

Voted, that Mr<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams be allowed for 22 Days himself and horse in the Business of the College-farms £22: and for Expenses and payments to Sundries in the Said Affair: £53-5-2.

Voted, that the Salary of the Rector for y<sup>e</sup> year past be £300:

Voted, that the Salary of the Tutors for y<sup>e</sup> year past be to each £80:

Voted, the y<sup>e</sup> Library-keeper be allowed for y<sup>e</sup> year past £5.

Voted, that y<sup>e</sup> Monitor & Schollar of y<sup>e</sup> House be allowed each for s<sup>d</sup> year £3:

Voted, that Cap<sup>t</sup> Talmadge's Account exhibited, be allowed amounting to £15-1-9.

Voted, that Timothy Jones's account for last year omitted before amounting to £6-1-9: and his acc<sup>t</sup> for this year amounting to £10-4-1 be allowed.

Voted, that no Person for the time to come be admitted an undergraduate in this College, untill his Father or Guardian or some proper Person hath given a Sufficient Bond unto y<sup>e</sup> Steward of Said College to pay the Quarter Bills of the s<sup>d</sup> Schollar allowed by the Authority of the College from time to time as long as he shall continue a Member of Said College.

Voted, that if any Person now an undergraduate in this College shall neglect or refuse to give or procure Sufficient Security to the Steward of the s<sup>d</sup> College for y<sup>e</sup> Payment of his Quarter Bills w<sup>ch</sup> are or shall be from time to time allowed by y<sup>e</sup> Authority of Said College, (when desired so to do by the s<sup>d</sup> Steward) the s<sup>d</sup> Steward making Complaint of the Same to the Rector; the Rector with the Tutors are hereby impowered to Reject & Expell y<sup>e</sup> said undergraduate so complained of.

Voted, that a Memorial of the Trustees to be laid before the General Assembly in October next be presented by M<sup>r</sup> Noyes & M<sup>r</sup> Eliot & M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey as a Com<sup>tee</sup> of this Board.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Anthony Stoddard was by Vote chosen a Trustee in Room of the Late very Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Andrew deceased.

The account of the Steward now exhibited allowed by Vote excepting the articles of s<sup>d</sup> Account which are Crost.

Voted, that the Rector be allowed Sixteen pounds for the Defraying the needfull Charges in the Laying out the remaining College farm.

Voted that the Report exhibited by our Com<sup>tee</sup> last year appointed to Settle the College accounts with their Treasurer, now made in Writing under the hands of the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> & Treasurer be accepted.

Voted, that the Rector, Mr Eliot, Mr Whittelsey & Mr Noyes of any three of them be appointed to State the price of the Commons to be charged in the Quarter Bills for the coming year as often as they shall judge meet.

The Preceeding are the Minutes of the Doings of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees.

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

CXCII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 14, 1738  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the General Court of Connecticutt Colony to Convene in New-Haven on the 2<sup>d</sup> thursday in October 1738

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale-College in New-Haven humbly Sheweth

That the Term of the last Additional Grant of this Assembly of one hundred pounds p<sup>r</sup>. Annum for the Support of the College, now expiring, and the Reason of the former Grants from the Necessities of the College being yet the Same: Yo<sup>r</sup>. Memorialists humbly move, that this Honourable Court,

according to their wonted Goodness would grant an hundred pounds p<sup>r</sup>. Annum additionally as before for Such continuance as you Shalt think fit towards the Subsistence of the s<sup>d</sup>. Colledge.

Moreover Your Memorialists would humbly Suggest, that We have been at necessary Expenses in the Laying out of the Lands in the New-Townships granted to the Colledge amounting to more than forty pounds and one of the Farms granted not yet laid out.

Whereupon, We pray this Assembly's farther Favour, according to your Wisdom & Goodness wherein we always confide.

And as in Duty bound your Memorialists shall ever pray &c.

E: WILLIAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN  
 JARED ELIOT  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WOODBRIDGE  
 JONATHAN MARSH  
 SAMUEL COOKE  
 SAMUEL WHITTELSEY  
 JOS: NOYES

Yale Colledge in N. Haven }  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 14, 1738. }

In the Upper House

On this Memorial Granted that there shall be paid out of the publick Treasury of this Colony to the Treasurer of said Colledge for the Use of the same the Sum of One hundred pounds p<sup>r</sup>. Annum for the Term of three years next comming, in Addition to the standing Allowance made to said Colledge; and also that there be p<sup>d</sup>. out of the publick Treasury to the said Trustees the Sum of fourty pounds to defray the Charges of laying out the Colledge Farms in the western Townships, and that a Bill &c

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>r</sup>.

Concur'd in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test AND<sup>w</sup>. BURR Clerk.

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CXCIII. JOHN PUNDERSON'S ACCOUNT FOR THE  
COLLEGE REPAIRS

October 16, 1738

with the action of the General Assembly thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Honourable generall assembly now setting in New-  
hauen 16<sup>th</sup> October 1738 An account of Mony laid out to  
repair the inside of the Collage house in Newhauen.

	lb	s	d
by 18 hogsheads of lime 5 <sup>a</sup> -6 <sup>d</sup> Pr hogshead	4	19	0
by 3000 of 4 <sup>d</sup> nales 14 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup> pr 1000	2	2	0
800 of laths 16 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup> 5 bushels of hair 5 <sup>s</sup>	1	1	0
a Joyner 12 dayes 7 <sup>a</sup> -6 <sup>d</sup> Pr day to mend doors flowers staires & other work }	4	10	0
by 500 foot of board 8 <sup>s</sup> Pr 100	2	0	0
a mason 15 dayes 8 <sup>a</sup> -9 <sup>d</sup> Pr day to mend walls haths and other work }	6	11	3
a man to tend the Mason 15 dayes 5 <sup>a</sup> -6 <sup>d</sup> pr day	4	2	6
600 of 8 <sup>d</sup> nales 2 <sup>s</sup> 8 <sup>d</sup> Pr 100	0	16	0
6 stapels for doors 10 <sup>d</sup> for each	0	5	0
500 of 10 <sup>d</sup> nales 15 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup> by 800 of 6 <sup>d</sup> nales 17 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup>	1	12	0
by 6 pare of H hinges 3 <sup>a</sup> -0 <sup>d</sup> for each	0	18	0
a mason 2 dayes to white wash the hall Li- brary and other places with lime and milk }	1	0	0
by 10 posts 12 rales & upsetting y <sup>e</sup> inside fence	0	12	0
	30	08	9
May 1737	lb.	s.	d.
Cr by mony received of the Treasurer	25	0	0

Errours Excepted

JOHN PUNDERSON.



In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House y<sup>e</sup> above Account allowed and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Ball<sup>e</sup> of £5-8<sup>s</sup>-9<sup>d</sup> be paid to s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Punderson out of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Treasury.

Test ANDREW BURR, Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House.

Test GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

CXCIV. LETTER OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

May 14, 1739

[From the draft printed in Beardsley's *Life of Johnson*, pp. 99-101, New York, 1874]

Addressed to Bishop George Berkeley.

May 14, 1739.

May it please your Lordship,

I humbly thank your Lordship for your very obliging letter of May 11, 1738, which came not to my hands till precisely that day twelve months after it was written, and in the very interim when (having lately attended on the examination of the scholars at Yale College for your Lordship's premium) I was meditating to write to your Lordship and give you some account of the condition of things among us; which is as follows: We had a good struggle this year for the scholarship, and it is very agreeable to see to what perfection classical learning is advanced in comparison with what it was before your Lordship's donation to this College, though I cannot say it has much increased for these two years past, and I doubt it is got to something of a stand. Another son of Mr. Williams has got it this year, who had manifestly the advantage of the rest; but I think none have ever performed to so great perfection as one Whittelsey last year, who is son of a neighboring minister, whose performance was very extraordinary. . . . .

I remain, may it please your Lordship, etc.

S. J.

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CXCV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 12, 1739

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in New-Haven at Commencement, Sep<sup>r</sup> 12. 1739. Where were present, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, chosen Moderator

The Rev <sup>d</sup>	{	M <sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot
		M <sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Williams
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke, chosen Scribe
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey
		M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes
		M <sup>r</sup> Anthony Stoddard.

Voted, that the Ashes, Wood-pile, Dung & Sweepings of the College be reserved, to be disposed of, for the Sole Use & Benefit of the College, according to the Orders of the Governours thereof, from time to time.

M<sup>r</sup> Cooke the Steward appearing & resigning his Stewardship, The Trustees by Vote made choice of Sir Day for Steward and he declared his acceptance; whereby the Butlership becomes vacant.

By Vote, Sir Whittelsey is chosen a Tutor and declared his Acceptance.

By Vote, Sir Limon is chosen a Tutor and declared his Acceptance.

By Vote, Woodbridge a Sen<sup>r</sup> Sophister is chosen Butler, & he accepted.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Eliot, M<sup>r</sup> Whittelsey & M<sup>r</sup> Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees, to provide for the College a Tutor or Tutors, or a Butler, if any unforeseen Providence Shall render it necessary, in y<sup>e</sup> Intervals betwixt this & the next Commencement; and to regulate the Price of the Bear & Commons; and to direct our Steward as in Prudence they

shall judge meet, as to the Preparation of the next Commencement Dinner.

Voted, that Mr Jared Eliot, Mr Samuel Cooke, Mr Samuel Whittelsey be a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees, with full Powers, in the Name & on the Behalf of the Trustees, to transact & conclude the Affair of the Schollars Sitting in y<sup>e</sup> Meeting-House in this Society, with the said Society by their Com<sup>tee</sup>, if they shall See Cause to appoint a Com<sup>tee</sup> with Powers on their part to transact & conclude the Matter with our said Committee; Impowering our said Com<sup>tee</sup> to take any such Method as they may think proper to bring the said Affair to an Issue.

Voted, that the late Steward's Dinner Bill last year be allowed at . . . . . 48- 5- 6

Voted, that the late Steward be allowed for Allen's Quarter Bills never p<sup>d</sup> . . . . . 6-14- 2

Voted, that Mr Cooke's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Sundries for the College to this Date be allow<sup>d</sup> at . . . . . 1-17-10

Voted, that Sir Day's Dinner Bill for this time be allowed at . . . . . 43-19- 6

Voted, that Sir Day's Acc<sup>t</sup> for laid out on y<sup>e</sup> Pumps &c to this time be allowed at . . . . . 9-16- 6

Voted, that Mr Timothy Jones's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Sundries to this time be allowed at . . . . . 16-00- 9

Voted, that Capt James Talmage's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Sundries to this time be allowed at . . . . . 16- 5- 0

Voted, that Will. Chatterton's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Sundries to this time be allowed at . . . . . 1-12- 06

Voted, that Mr Rector Williams be allowed for Salary the year past . . . . . 500- 0- 0

Voted, that Mr Rector Williams be allowed for Sundries in acc<sup>t</sup> to this Time . . . . . 2- 2- 9

Voted, that Mr Rector Williams be allowed for extraordinary Services in the College not charged in his Acc<sup>t</sup> . . . . . 10- 0- 0

Voted, that there be allowed for Tuition Money  
for the year past . . . . . 160- 0- 0

Voted, that there be allowed for keeping the Li-  
brary the year past . . . . . 5- 0- 0

Voted, that the Trustees be allowed for their Travelling

viz <sup>t</sup> {	To M <sup>r</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> Williams . . . . .	1-15-0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot . . . . .	0-14-0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Anthony Stoddard . . . . .	0-14-0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke . . . . .	0-12-0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey . . . . .	0- 8-0
		4- 3-0

Voted, that the Trustee's Meeting be adjourned till the Last  
Tuesday in October next to meet in this Place.

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

Subjoynd is the State of the College Accounts brought down  
to this Time.

The College—D<sup>r</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1738—

To the Rector for Salary and Disbursements . . . . .	391- 5- 2
To M <sup>r</sup> Woodbridge for Salary . . . . .	80- 0- 0
To M <sup>r</sup> Lockwood for D <sup>o</sup> & keeping the Library . . . . .	85- 0- 0
To the Treasurer for Salary . . . . .	8- 0- 0
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Talmadge for Acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	15- 1- 9
To M <sup>r</sup> Jones for Acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	16- 5-10
To the Monitor . . . . .	3- 0- 0
To the Schollar of the House . . . . .	3- 0- 0
To the Steward for Acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	35-13- 1
To Will. Chatterton for Acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	3- 0- 0
To the Trustees for Travel . . . . .	6- 4- 0
To the Dinner Bill . . . . .	48- 5- 6
To the Steward for Allen's Quarter Bills never p <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	6-14- 2
£ . . . . .	701- 9- 6

Dr. Contra. Cred<sup>r</sup>—Sep<sup>r</sup> 1738

By Ball <sup>a</sup> with the Treasurer the last year . . . . .	36-16-11
By the Quarter Bills . . . . .	351- 7- 0
By the Annuity . . . . .	200- 0- 0
By an additional Grant . . . . .	40- 0- 0
By the Schollars Din <sup>r</sup> Money . . . . .	55-10-10
By the Butler's Money . . . . .	8- 0- 0
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£ . . . . .	691-13-11
College D <sup>r</sup> to Ball <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	9-15- 7
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	701- 9- 6

The College—D<sup>r</sup> September 1739

To Ballance last years Account . . . . .	9-15- 7
To M <sup>r</sup> Cooke for Sundries for the College, in Acc <sup>t</sup> allowed . . . . .	1-17-10
To Sir Day for the present Dinner allowed . . . . .	43-19- 6
To Ditto in Acc <sup>t</sup> for the Pumps &c allowed . . . . .	9-16- 6
To M <sup>r</sup> Timothy Jones for Acc <sup>t</sup> to this Time allowed . . . . .	16- 0- 9
To M <sup>r</sup> Rector for Salary the year past allowed . . . . .	300- 0- 0
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Talmadge's Acc <sup>t</sup> to this time allowed . . . . .	16- 5- 0
To Will. Chatterton's Acc <sup>t</sup> to this time allowed . . . . .	1-12- 6
To M <sup>r</sup> Rector Williams's Acc <sup>t</sup> to this time allowed . . . . .	2- 2- 9
To D <sup>o</sup> for extraordinary Services not charged in his Acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	10- 0- 0
To allowed for Tuition Money for the year past . . . . .	160- 0- 0
To allowed for keeping the Library . . . . .	5- 0- 0
To allowed the Trustees for their Travell . . . . .	4- 3- 0
Accidently } the Salary of the { Monitor . . . . .	3- 0- 0
Omitted } the Salary of the { Schollar of . . . . .	3- 0- 0
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	586-13- 5
To the College is due to Ball <sup>a</sup> Sep <sup>r</sup> 1739 . . . . .	43-15- 8
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	630-09- 1

Omitted the Treasurer's Salary to this time . . .	8- 0- 0
which Deduct from the former Ball <sup>a</sup> then will remain in Favour of the College to Ballance . . .	35-15- 8

Pr Contra Cred<sup>r</sup>—September 1739

By the Annuity to be cleared next October . . .	200- 0- 0
By the Sum of the Quarter Bills . . . . .	369-18- 3
By the Butler's money . . . . .	12- 0- 0
By the Schollar's Dinner Money at this time . . .	34-10- 0
By money for Books Sold, in the Hands of M <sup>r</sup> Rector . . . . .	14-00-10
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## CXCVI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

October 30-31, 1739

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees of Yale College in New-Haven at the Said College (by Adjournment) on the last Tuesday in October ADom. 1739

where were present The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams Moderator

The Rev <sup>d</sup>	{	M <sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot
		M <sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Williams
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge
		M <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Marsh
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke Scribe
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey
		M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes
		M <sup>r</sup> Anthony Stoddard.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees appointed the Last Session to treat with the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the prime Society in this place, the Affair of the Schollars Sitting in the Meeting house, reported

to this Board the Vote of Said Society on that Affair which was accepted by the Vote of the Trustees.

The Said Society's Vote is in his terminis

“At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the first Society in New Haven on the 14th Day of September 1739

Voted; that the Graduates of Yale College Sit in the North East half of the first Seat in the Front Gallery in the Meeting-House of Said Society for the Term of eight years, and that the Schollars of said College have Liberty to Sit in the Rest of the Seats of Said Gallery, so far as to accommodate them, during the s<sup>d</sup> Term: Provided The Rev<sup>d</sup> Trustees of said College pay for each Schollar two Shillings & Six pence money p<sup>r</sup> Annum, for the Use of s<sup>d</sup> Society, during the said Term; Also provided the s<sup>d</sup> Trustees comply with the above Proposals by the last of October next, & make their Report thereof to the Standing Com<sup>tee</sup> of said Society; And also that the Said Rev<sup>d</sup> Trustees pay for the Use of said Society, two Shillings for each Schollar that has improved the s<sup>d</sup> Gallery p<sup>r</sup> Year for the two Years last past.”

N H: Sep<sup>r</sup> 15th-1739      The above is a true Copie of the  
Minutes Certified p<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Bishop Clerk

Voted, that each undergraduate Successively for the Term of eight Years next be assessed two Shillings & Six pence p<sup>r</sup> Annum for his Seat in the Meeting-House.

Appeared in the Meeting the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams having at the last Meeting of the Trustees Signified to the Board, a Necessity of his Resignation of his Rectoral Relation to the College on the Account of the Impairs of his Bodily Health; but at that Time was prevailed upon to suspend his last Determination of that Matter, for further Consideration till now; and having resigned the s<sup>d</sup> Rectorate, & thereupon withdrawing; The Trustees by Vote make Choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Whitman for Moderator.

The Trustees Seriously considering the s<sup>d</sup> Resignation of Mr Rector Williams and the Reason assigned, find themselves obliged, tho with great Reluctancy, to allow of the same; and do hereby Release him the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williams from the s<sup>d</sup> Office, with hearty Thankfulness for all his past good Service in that Capacity. And do by Vote declare that the said Rectorate is now vacant.

Adjourned till to-morrow Morning at half an Hour after eight.

Octo<sup>r</sup>. 31: Met according to Adjournment.

The Trustees proceeding after much Deliberation to the Choice of a meet Person to fill up the Vacant Rectorate, by Vote made Choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clap of Windham for the Rector of this College, in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Rector Williams, who hath resigned.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Williams & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge are appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees to treat with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Clap, & likewise with the good People of his Congregation, as Occasion may require, for the obtaining his Acceptance of the s<sup>d</sup> Trust, whereunto he is chosen as aboves<sup>d</sup>.

Voted, that the Trustees Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to treat with the People of M<sup>r</sup> Clap's Congregation, be authorized, and hereby they are Authorized, to make them a conditional Offer on behalf of this Board; in Consideration of their Consent to his Removal to the service of the College in the Post whereunto He is chosen.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jared Eliot, Samuel Cooke, Samuel Whittelsey & Joseph Noyes, or any two of them be a Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees, for the Inspection of the College, for the Government of it, during the Absence of the Rector; whensoever the Tutors shall have Occasion to apply to them for that Purpose, or the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> shal apprehend it needful.

M<sup>r</sup> Steward Day his Account of Sundries omitted last Commencement, & for his Disbursements on the present Occasion is allowed at £3-9-7



The Trustees are allowed for their Charges in y<sup>e</sup> present Meeting 7-11-0

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williams the late Rector moving to this Board, that he be allowed for the Term intervening betwixt the last Commencement to this Date in Proportion to his Annual Salary: The Trustees considering, that it hath been their Constant Practise to Settle the Salaries at Commencement for the preceding Year; think it proper to refer the s<sup>d</sup> Affair for Determination at the next Commencement.

Voted, that if the new elected Rector, either shal not Seasonably accept of the Office whereunto he is chosen, or be Providentially hindered from attending on the examination of the Candidates, that shal offer themselves to Trial on the 6th Day of May next; in Order to their Claim to the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Berkley's Beneficence; in that Case the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williams the late Rector, is appointed Rector pro tempore for that particular Service

The Trustees Meeting is farther Adjourned till the Tuesday next following the next General Election; to Convene at the House of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge in East-Hartford.

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

College D<sup>r</sup> October 31. 1739

To allowed New Haven first Society for the Schol- lars Seats 2 years past . . . . .	14- 0-0
Trustees Charges now allowed . . . . .	7-11-0
M <sup>r</sup> Day's Acc <sup>t</sup> allowed now . . . . .	3- 9-7
Ball <sup>a</sup> in Favour of the College October 31. 1739 . . .	10-15-1
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	35-15-8

D<sup>r</sup> Contra Cred<sup>r</sup> October 31; 1739

By Ball <sup>a</sup> in Favour of the College last Commence- ment . . . . .	35-15-8
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**CXCVII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

April 2, 1740

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at Said College April Second 1740: the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Thomas Clap: Chosen by them to the office of a Rector, (after the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Elisha Williams resigning of his Rectorate in s<sup>d</sup> College) on his declaring of his assent to the doctrine of faith owned and assented to by the Elders and messengers of the Collony of Connecticut assembled by delegation at Saybrook in the year 1708, as being a summary of the Doctrines of Christianity agreable to the word of god: and declaring of his renunciation of Arminian & other Errors contrary to said Confession—he was by the Trustees of Yale College then present inducted into and fixd in the Rectorate of it.

Test SAM<sup>LL</sup> WHITMAN

**CXCVIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

May 8, 1740  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Governour Council & Representatives of his Majesties Colony of Connecticutt in Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Court assembled in Hartford May 8, 1740

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale-College in New-Haven humbly sheweth—

1. That upon the Resignation of the late Rev<sup>d</sup>. Rector Mr. Elisha Williams, the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Thomas Clap Pastor of the Church in the first Society in Windham was chosen Rector of the said College & hath accepted the Same on the Application

made to him by us, and the Subsequent Judgement of their Consociation conformable thereto.

2. That the sd<sup>d</sup>. Society have applied to us either to agree with them upon some certain Sum as a meet Recompense for their temporal Damage sustained by this Means, or that we would agree with them to refer it to the Judgement of impartial & judicious Gentlemen to be mutually chosen for that Purpose.

3. That We have complied with their latter Proposal and with them have referred as aboves<sup>d</sup>.

4. That the Gentlemen Referrees (having heard & considered the Case) have given their Opinion that 300-00-00 Pounds refunded to the said Society in Consideration of the Premises is an Equitable Recompense.

5. That your Memorialists have nothing in the Treasury of said College to enable them to advance the said Sum or any part of it; and have no other way but to apply our Selves to this Honourable Assembly; Whereupon

6. We become your Honours humble Petitioners on behalf of the said Society; that You would in your Wisdom & Goodness allow the said Society the Sum afores<sup>d</sup>. for the Satisfaction of their temporal Damage sustained in the Removal of their said Pastor to a Post of greater & more general Serviceableness to the Whole Country; And your Memorialists shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c:

SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN } Com<sup>tee</sup>.  
SAMUEL WHITTELSEY }

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House. On this Memorial Granted to y<sup>e</sup> first Society in Windham y<sup>e</sup> Sum of two Hundred pounds out of y<sup>e</sup> Colony Treasury for y<sup>e</sup> Satisfaction of their Temporal damages &c. and order that a bill be drawn in form

Test AND<sup>w</sup>. BURE Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. in the Upper House with the Addition of one hundred and Ten pounds, to the said Sum of Two hundred pounds

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower house. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Isaac dickerman M<sup>r</sup>. Caleb Leet & M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Spencer are appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Confer with such Gen<sup>tn</sup>. as y<sup>e</sup> upper house shall appoint Respecting y<sup>e</sup> differing votes of y<sup>e</sup> houses on y<sup>e</sup> above memorial.

Test AND<sup>w</sup>. BURR Clerk

In the Upper House Ozias Pitkin Esq<sup>r</sup>. is Appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Confer with the Gen<sup>tn</sup>. Com<sup>tee</sup>. of the lower House on the Difference of the Houses on the Above Memorial

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Sec<sup>ry</sup>.

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House—y<sup>e</sup> vote of y<sup>e</sup> upper House Reconsidered & Concurred

Test AND<sup>w</sup>. BURR Clerk

### CXCIX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

May 13-14, 1740

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A meeting of the Trustees of Yale College by Adjournment at the House of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge in Hartford on Tuesday May the 13<sup>th</sup>. 1740 where were present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
 Thomas Clap Rector  
 Samuel Whitman Moderator  
 Jared Eliot  
 Samuel Woodbridge  
 Jonathan Marsh  
 Samuel Cooke Scribe  
 Samuel Whittelsey  
 Anthony Stoddard.

May. 14. A.M. Met according to Adjournment.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> of the first Society in Windham moving to the Trustees either 1. for Agreement betwixt the s<sup>d</sup> Trustees &

Society for allowance to be made to the s<sup>d</sup> Society in Compensation of their Temporal Damages in the Removal of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Clap their Pastor to the Rectorate of Yale-College, or 2. to refer the s<sup>d</sup> Affair to the Judgement of Judicious disinterested Gentlemen mutually to be chosen to Consider the Affair and report what they shall judge equitable in the Case, The Trustees hereupon after due Consideration comply with the Latter Proposall. Whereupon the Trustees & said Com<sup>tee</sup> mutually Agree and Consent to refer the Business afores<sup>d</sup> to the Judgement of Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Lynde, Ebenezer West Esq<sup>r</sup> & Col<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Hall; and upon their Report to Apply by their Com<sup>tee</sup> to the General Assembly for the obtaining a Grant of such Recompence. Voted, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Whitman, Samuel Woodbridge & Samuel Whittelsey be the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees for the Purposes afores<sup>d</sup>

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Whereas a Custom has of late Years prevailed in Yale-College, that a great Number of the Freshmen have not attended at College till half or more of the Year is expired; whereby many Inconveniences have arisen, which for the Time to come to prevent Voted, that every Freshman shal be under the same Obligation to attend at the College when the Vacancy is ended as the other Classes; & that if any of them shal not attend before the End of the first Quarter, without being detained by Sickness or some extraordinary Reason, he shal be placed the lowest in the Class.

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe.

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CC. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 10, 1740

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

A Meeting of the Trustees at Yale-College, New-Haven, in y<sup>e</sup> College Library Sep<sup>r</sup> 10. 1740.

Where were present

The Rev <sup>d</sup> Mess <sup>rs</sup>	{	Thomas Clap Rector, chosen Moderator
		Samuel Whitman
		Jared Eliot
		Ebenezer Williams
		Samuel Woodbridge
		Jonathan Marsh
		Samuel Cooke, chosen Scribe
		Samuel Whittelsey
		Joseph Noyes
Anthony Stoddard.		

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clap, M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to ascertain the Price of Commons for y<sup>e</sup> Ensuing year and provide for the College any Tutor or Butler for the s<sup>d</sup> year if any unforeseen Providence Shall render Such a Provision necessary in y<sup>e</sup> Interval betwixt this Time & the next Commencement; and likewise to revise the College Laws & report to this Board at the next Commencement; and to direct our Steward as in Prudence they shall judge meet as to the Preparation of the next Commencement Dinner.

Voted, that for the future every Person expecting a Master's Degree shall Signify his Desire of it to the Rector at least a Month before the Commencement, & shal also personally attend the Commencement, without which he may not then expect to be admitted to a Degree: And if in any Instance the Trustees, by an Act of Grace, for Special Reasons shall See

meet to allow any such Person his Master's Degree, it shall be upon his paying such a Sum of Money into the College Treasury, in Consideration of his non-attendance, as the said Trustees Shall Order.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clap & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to lay before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, the Surveys of the College Farms in the New-Townships, & petition the s<sup>d</sup> Assembly for a Patent accordingly.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Eliphalet Adams having resigned his Relation to y<sup>e</sup> College as a Trustee; The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Lord of Norwich is unanimously chosen a Trustee of this College in the Room of the s<sup>d</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Adams.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clap, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes or any two of them be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to petition the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to view y<sup>e</sup> College & report to y<sup>e</sup> Assembly what Repairs or Additions are needful; and the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Trustees are hereby further instructed to do in behalf of the Trustees what may be expedient to pursue the s<sup>d</sup> Affair to Effect.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Woodbridge on behalf of the Trustees ask & receive of the late Rector M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Williams, the Sum of ten pounds in his Hands belonging to the College; and the same deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer Prout.

Voted, that every Freshman shall be under y<sup>e</sup> same Obligation to attend at the College when the Vacancy is ended as the other Classes; and if any of them shall not attend before the End of the Vacancy, he shall not be admitted, unless he is detained by Sickness or some such extraordinary Reason.

Voted, the following Laws for regulating the Library viz<sup>t</sup>

I. That no Person shall have Liberty to take or borrow any Book out of the Library, except the Rector, Trustees, Tutors, Masters & Batchelours residing at College & the two Senior Classes.

II. That every Master Batchelour and undergraduate who is allowed to Borrow shall for every Book, he takes out of the

Library, pay to y<sup>e</sup> Library keeper upon the Receipt of the Book, Six pence per Month for every Folio, four pence for every Quarto and three pence for every Octavo or lesser Book; and if he shal not return any Book within one Month, he shal pay double the Sum afores<sup>d</sup> for each Book for every Month (or part of a Month in Proportion) until such Book be returned, excepting Folio's, which may be kept out two Months.

III. That no Person whatsoever shal take any Book out of the Library without informing the Library keeper thereof, and he shall make an Entry of the Title & Magnitude of the Book, the Person to whom it is lent, & the Time when lent & returned.

IV. That every Person that takes any Book out of the Library shal be answerable for al Damages that are done to such Book, & be amerced at the Discretion of the Rector & Tutors for every Word that he shal write in it.

V. That the Library keeper shal render an Account to the Trustees of what Money he receives as afores<sup>d</sup>, & shal be Sufficiently rewarded for his Trouble: and if there be any overplus, the Money shal be expended in making perfect Catalogues of the Books or some such thing for the Benefit of the Library as Occasion may require.

VI. That the Library keeper shal give his attendance in y<sup>e</sup> Library every Monday & Friday after Dinner, and no Student shal have Liberty to take out above three Books at a Time.

Test. SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

### CCI. JOURNAL OF GEORGE WHITEFIELD

October 25, 1740

[From the original edition of the *Continuation of his Journal*, part 7, pp. 50-51, London, 1741]

New-Haven, Saturday, October 25. . . . . I dined at the Rev. Mr. C——'s, Rector of New-Haven College, about one third Part as big as that of Cambridge. It has one



Rector, three Tutors, and about a hundred Students: But I hear of no remarkable Concern amongst them concerning Religion. I preached twice to the Consolation of God's People, many of which, I have heard, live at New-Haven, and the Countries round about. There were sweet Meltings discernible both Times. I spoke very closely to the Students, and shewed the dreadful Ill-Consequences of an unconverted Ministry. . . . .

CCII. REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE

October 27, 1740  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. Com<sup>tes</sup>. appointed to view the State & Circumstances of Yale College, & to make Report of what we think is Nessesary & Convenient to be Done Respecting the same

Haveing viewed & examined do Take Leave to Report as follows (Viz) that the Roofs of s<sup>d</sup>. College Is so Decay'd that there is Nessesity to Shingle It forthwith, & the Clapbords on the backside of s<sup>d</sup>. College are allso very much Decay'd, & the Windows & Covering of s<sup>d</sup>. Backside of s<sup>d</sup>. College wants Repairing; And Being Inform<sup>d</sup>. By the Rev<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Noyes & Mr. Clapp that the Number of Students Belonging to s<sup>d</sup>. College was Last year 85, & there is not Room there to entertain more then 45 and We are of Opinion that In Order to entertain all the Students In College It is Nessecary to erect a Convenient Building Capable of Containing about fifty or 60 Scholers & that the same be about one hundred & Eight or 110 feet Long and about — feet in Weadth & placed on the Westerly Side of y<sup>e</sup> College Ground; & If the Assembly shall think proper to Build on y<sup>e</sup> Publick Cost We would Humbly propose that y<sup>e</sup> Charges of Building the same may be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Vse of y<sup>e</sup> Loan Money formerly Emittid.

All w<sup>ch</sup> Is Humbly Submitted

by Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>. Humb<sup>ll</sup>. Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

WM. PITKIN

JOHN MARSH

EBENEZER WEST

AND<sup>w</sup>. BURR

SAM<sup>ll</sup>. WILLARD

THOMAS BENEDICK

N. Haven Octob<sup>r</sup>. 27 1740

In the Upper House. The foregoing Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup>. so far as the same relates to repairing the said College is now accepted and approved, and the other matters therein mentioned are referrd for Consideration to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next; and a Bill in form is ordered to be bro<sup>tt</sup>. in accordingly.

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

Concurred in y<sup>e</sup> Lower house

Test. JOHN FOWLER Clerk

CCIII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 14, 1741

with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the General Assembly now Sitting at Hartford May 14<sup>th</sup> 1741.

Whereas upon the Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College in October last, Your Honours were Pleased to Appoint a Committee to View the College and Consider what Repairs or Additions were necessary, and the said Com<sup>tee</sup>. among other things Reported that a New College should be Built, and that the Charge thereof be Defrayed out of a Certain Sum of

£8000 then in the Treasury Unappropriated; And this Honourable Assembly were then Pleased Universally to Show a Just and Generous Disposition for the Encouragement & Support of Learning. But by Reason of the Difficulties and Uncertainties which they were then under about the Medium of Trade and the Heavy Charges of the War Your Honours were Pleased to Defer the Consideration of Building a New College to this Session. And whereas the same Difficulties still Remain and another greater has since arisen, viz. the Impoverishing Severity of the last Winter, and the Present Threatning Aspects of Scarcity. The Trustees would Choose for the Present to bear the great Inconveniencies which the College is under for want of better Accommodation, rather than that the People of this Colony should at this Distressing time have any greater Burden laid upon them than they are well able to Bear. And therefore humbly Submit it to The Wisdom of this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly, Whether they will be Pleased to Defer the Consideration of the Report of the said Committee untill the Present Difficulties be Removed, and divine Providence shall so Smile upon this Colony as to give the Trustees a Convenient Opportunity again to Put Your Honour in Mind of it.

THOMAS CLAP Rector,

In behalf of the Trustees.

Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly May 1741

Upon the Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College now preferred to the Assembly, Ordered that the matters mentioned in the within Report, referred to the consideration of this Assembly, be now continued and referred to such future Session of the General Assembly of this Colony as the said Trustees shall see cause to make Application to to take the same into their Consideration.

past in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House.

Test, JN<sup>o</sup>. RUSSELL Clerk

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September 9, 1741

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

One of the ensuing votes, for the discipline of students casting reflections on the piety of College officers, was carried by the Rector in order to deal with David Brainerd, then just completing the Sophomore year, who had aspersed the religious character of a Tutor.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Yale-College in New-Haven in the Library Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 1741. where were present of the Trustees

The Rev <sup>d</sup>	{	M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Clapp Rector, chosen Moderator
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitman
		M <sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot
		M <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Marsh
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke, chosen Scribe
		M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey
		M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes
		M <sup>r</sup> Anthony Stoddard.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clapp on behalf of this Body acquaint the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Berkley with the Proffits accruing to this College, for the Encouragement of our Students, from his generous Donation of the Estate at Rhode-Island & offer our repeated Thanks on the Occasion.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clapp, M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whittelsey and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to ascertain the Price of Commons for the ensuing Year, and provide for the College any Tutor, Steward or Butler for the s<sup>d</sup> Year, if any unforeseen Providence Shall render such a Provision necessary in the Intervall betwixt & the next Commencement; and to direct our Steward, as in Prudence they judge meet, as to the Preparation of the Commencement Dinner.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Balch be admitted to a Master's Degree.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Whittelsey & M<sup>r</sup> Noyes be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to view & provide for what Repairs may be thought needfull to be made of the Rector's House & Fences, & to draw out of the Treasury Money needfull for that purpose, & return an Account to this Board the next Commencement.

Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clapp, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooke & M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Stoddard be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to address the General Assembly on Behalf of the Trustees with a Petition for the Renewal of the Annuity lately allowed the College.

Voted, that if any Student of this College shall directly or indirectly say, that the Rector, either of the Trustees or Tutors are Hypocrites, carnall or unconverted Men, he Shall for the first Offence make a publick Confession in the Hall, & for the Second Offence be expell'd.

Ordered that the Steward Shall provide the Commons for the Schollars as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

For Breakfast

One Loaf of Bread for 4, which (the Dough) Shall weigh one Pound.

For Dinner for 4

One Loaf of Bread as afores<sup>d</sup>; 2½ pounds of Beef, Veal or Mutton or 1¾ pounds of Salt Pork about twice a Week in the Summer Time; one Quart of Beer; 2 penny Worth of Sauce.

For Supper for 4.

2 Quarts of Milk & one Loaf of Bread, when Milk can conveniently be had, and when it cannot then an Apple-Pye which shall be made of 1¾ lb Dough, ¼ lb Hogs fat, 2 oz Sugar & ½ peck of Apples.

And the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to State the Price of the Commons Shall State the Commodities afores<sup>d</sup> at the currant Market Price & allow the Steward 50 p<sup>r</sup> Cent. Advance for his Care & Trouble.

Teste SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

Dr . . . . . Yale College in New-Haven

1741

Sep<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

To M <sup>r</sup> Rector Clapp's Salary allowed . . . . .	320-00-00
To M <sup>r</sup> Tutor Whittelsey's Salary allowed . . . . .	090-00-00
To M <sup>r</sup> Tutor Lyman's Salary allowed . . . . .	090-00-00
To M <sup>r</sup> Clapp for Disbursements as p <sup>r</sup> Acc <sup>t</sup> allowed	021-15-09
To M <sup>r</sup> Whittelsey Library keeper allowed . . . . .	010-00-00
To the Monitor Sir Grant allowed . . . . .	004-00-00
To the Schollar of the House Sir Williams allowed . . . . .	003-00-00
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Talmage his Account for Sundries allowed . . . . .	019-15-02
To M <sup>r</sup> Timothy Jones for Sundries as p <sup>r</sup> Account allowed . . . . .	029-19-04
To William Chatterton for Sundries as p <sup>r</sup> Account allowed . . . . .	002-05-06
To the Com <sup>tee</sup> of the first Society in New Haven for Seat-Money . . . . .	009-07-06
To the Steward for Commencement Dinner allowed . . . . .	050-15-05
To the Trustees for Travel to the Commencement which was paid by the Steward in the Library	004-02-00
To Sir Lampson for account allowed . . . . .	000-10-00
To Deacon John Punderson for Account allowed	002-00-00
To M <sup>r</sup> Day for Account allowed . . . . .	002-09-09
Summa . . . . .	£660-00-05

The above Account allowed by the Trustees Sep<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1741

Test SAMUEL COOKE Scribe

CCV. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 8, 1741

with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

The report on the final action of the Assembly is in the

handwriting of Rector Clap; and that of the committee in the handwriting of Judge William Pitkin.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut now Sitting at New-Haven Octobr. 8<sup>th</sup>. 1741

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College Humbly sheweth

The Additional Grant made to the said Trustees for several years past is now Expired, and the necessities of the College continuing the same and Increasing by the Rising of Price of all Commodities, The Trustees therefore humbly Pray that this Hon<sup>bl</sup>. Assembly would be Pleased to make an Additional Grant of Such Summ and for such a Term as they in their Wisdom and Generosity shall think Proper.

The Trustees would also Inform your Honours, That there is need of some Repairs about the Rectors House and Fence adjoining, and some Addition to the Kitchin. The Trustees would therefore Pray Your Honours that according to Your Usual Wisdom and Goodness in such cases, You would be Pleased to Appoint a Committee to View, Consider, and make Report, and so your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c.

THOMAS CLAP Rector

In the Behalf the Trustees

In the Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College in New Haven

This Assembly grants that there shall be paid out of the publick Treasury of the Colony to the Treasurer of said College for the Use of the same, the sum of Thirty pounds in Bills of Credit of the new Tenour or in other Bills Equivalent thereto annually for the Term of three years next coming, in Addition to the standing Allowance made to said College.

past in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secrety.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower house

Test JN<sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

In the upper House

On Consideration of this Memorial, William Pitkin Esqr. (with such Gent<sup>n</sup> as may be joyn<sup>d</sup> by the lower House) are appointed a Comm<sup>tee</sup>. to View and Consider respecting Reparation and Addition &c as prayed for, and Report their Opinion thereupon to the Assembly in their present Session.

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower house with y<sup>e</sup> addition y<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> John Riggs & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mash be Joyned with y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tt</sup> afores<sup>d</sup>.

Test. JN<sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

Wee your Honours Committee appointed on the Memoriall of the Trustees of Yale Colledge, to view the Rectors House and fence about the yeard, and to Report what Repares and additions are needfull, Haveing Viewed and Considered Beg Leave Humbly to Report that wee are of opinion there is Great Need of a Small Kitchin on the Back Side of the House of about Sixteen feet Square Beside the Chimny Space, and of Some Small Repares of the House, and that the fence about the yeard and next the Street, Northward from the House, be new erected, all which is Humbly Submitted to your Honours Wise Consideration, by your Honours Humble Ser<sup>vt</sup>a.

WM. PITKIN  
JOHN MARSH  
JOHN RIGGS

N: Haven October the 16<sup>th</sup> 1741

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower house y<sup>e</sup> above Report Read and Approved, and Ordered y<sup>t</sup> a bill in form be Drawn y<sup>on</sup>.

Test JOHN FOWLER Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

On the Memorial of the Reverend Trustees of Yale College in New-Haven, This Assembly Grants that there shall be



Paid out of the Public Treasury of this Colony to the Treasurer of said College for the Use of the same the Sum of Thirty Pounds in Bills of Credit of the new Tenour or other Bills Equivalent thereunto for the Term of Three Years next coming in Addition to the Standing Allowance made to the said College.

Upon the Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College and the Report of the Committee thereupon, which was read and accepted,

Ordered that there be erected on the Backside of the Rectors House a small Kitchin of about Sixteen feet square beside the Chimney Place and one Story High, and that such Repairs as are necessary be made about the Rectors House, and that there be erected a good and Decent new Fence about the yard before the Rectors House and from thence by the Street northward to the Corner. And Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Edwards and Sam<sup>l</sup>. Mix of New Haven are hereby appointed to take Care of and Procure the said Work to be done in the best and most convenient manner and as Reasonably as may be, and to render an account of their doings in that Affair to this Assembly.

And Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stanly Esq<sup>r</sup>. & Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Marsh are hereby Ordered to draw out of the Public Treasury of this Colony such Summs of Bills of Credit as they shall Judge necessary for the Purpose aforesaid and deliver the same to the said Committee for the Use aforesaid taking their Receipt therefor.

past in the Upper House  
Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

Concurred in y<sup>e</sup> Lower house  
Test J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

CCVI. EXTRACT FROM THE *Boston Evening Post*

April 26, 1742

From *Connecticut*, that in divers Parts of that Colony, they are in great Confusion on religious Accounts; and that at *Yale College* in *New-Haven* the Divisions are so great, that

the Students have all left it, and are gone Home. They are in Hopes that the General Assembly which is soon to meet, will find out some Expedient for composing their Differences.

CCVII. REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON A PASSAGE RELATING TO THE  
COLLEGE IN GOVERNOR LAW'S SPEECH

May 13, 1742  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

The Report is in the handwriting of Colonel James Wadsworth, of Durham, the senior member of the Committee. The passage in the Governor's speech was as follows: "The unhappy Circumstances of our Colledge which for want of supporting due Order and Regulation has dispersed y<sup>e</sup> Students at an unusual Season should be rectifyd before y<sup>r</sup> Return least it suffer a fatal Dissolution."

The Com<sup>tee</sup>. appoynted to take into consideration that paragraph in his Honours Speech (made to this Assembly) relating to the unhapie ciercomstances of the Colege, pursuant to the order of this assembly, have made Inqueiery of the Reuer<sup>d</sup>. Rector of s<sup>d</sup>. Colege, and of others likelie to Inform us respecting the State thereof, and after deliberation, take leane to Report to your Honour, & to this Honourable Assembly, as followeth.

That Sundry of the Students of s<sup>d</sup>. Colege, haue as the reuer<sup>d</sup>. Rector Informeth us by the Instigation perswation & example of others, fallen into Seueral Errors in principal and disorders in practice, which may be uerry hurtfull to Relegion, and Some of them Inconsistant with the good order, & gouernment of that Societie.

Perticularly, Some of the Students haue fallen into the practice of Rash Judgeing & censureing others, euen Some of the Gouvernours, teachers & Instructors of the Colege, as being

unconuerted, unexperienced & unskillfull guides, in matters of Relegion, and haue thereupon contemptuously refused to submit to their authoritie, and to attend upon & harken to their Relegious Exercises & Instructions, but rather to attend upon the Instructions & directions of those to whome the care of Instructing y<sup>e</sup> Students is not committed.

Some under-Graduate Students haue made it their practice by day & night, & Some times for Seneral days together, to go about in the Town of Newhauen, as well as in other Towns, and before greate Numbers of people, to teach & Exhort, much after the same maner, that ministers of the Gospel do, in their publick preaching.

That much pains hath been taken, to prejudice the minds of the Students, against our Ecclesiastical constitution and to perswade them to dissent & withdraw from the way of Worship & ministry Established by the Laws of this Gouverment, and to attend on priuate & Seperate meetings and that Sundry of the Students haue so don, in contempt of the Laws & authoretie of the Coledge.

that these things haue occasioned greate expence of precious time, by disputs among the Scholers, and Neglect of their Studies & exercises at Colege, and haue been a hinderance to the flourishing of Relegion & uital pietie in that Societie, and if Tolerated, may defeate the good ends & designs of it's Institution.

Your Com<sup>tee</sup>. thereupon are humbly of opinion, that it is of greate Importance, both to our Ciuil & Ecclesiastical State that the true principals of Relegion & good order be maintained in that Seminary of Léarning.

and that it be Recommended to the Reuer<sup>d</sup>. Rector, Trustees & others concerned in the Gouverment & Instruction of the Colege, to be uerry carfull to Instruct the Students in the true principals of Relegion, according to our confession of faith & Ecclesiastical constitution; and to keep them from all Such errors as they may be in danger of Imbibeing from Strangers & foraigners, and to use all such proper meassurs, as are in their power, to preuent their being under the In-

fluence & Instruction of Such as would prejudice their minds against the way of worship & Ministry Established by the Laws of this Government, and that order & authority be duly maintained in that Society; and that those should not Injoy the pre-edges of it, who contumaciously refuse to Submit to the Laws, orders & Rules thereof, which have been made, or shall be made, according to the powers & Instructions given in their Charter, but we thinke it highly reasonable, that all proper means be first used with Such Scholars, that they may be reclaimed & reduced to order, before they be dismissed the Colege as Incongruous.

Your Com<sup>tee</sup>. are also Informed, that at a late meeting of the Trustees, they concluded, that in order to the removing the difficulties of the Colege, it was proper that Some experienced Graue Divines repayer to Newhauen, and there to Instruct the Scholars by their Sermons, that may be by them prepared for that end; and forasmuch as such divines must be taken from other pulpits, and the Trustees not having money in their Treasury, sufficient to hire a person, to supply such pulpit or pulpits; we therefore recommend it to this assembly to Grant to the Trustees a sufficient Sum, to enable them to hire a meet person to supply such pulpit or pulpits.

All which is Submitted by your humble Seru<sup>ts</sup>.

JAMES WADSWORTH  
 JOS. WHITING  
 JER. MILLER  
 E. WILLIAMS  
 SAM<sup>LL</sup>. HILL  
 JON<sup>TH</sup>. HAIT  
 JN<sup>O</sup>. GRISWOLD  
 EBEN<sup>R</sup>. GRAY

In the Upper House. The foregoing Report read accepted & approved.

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secy.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower house

Test JN<sup>O</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

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CCVIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 8, 1742

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees of Yale College at Newhaven in the Library Septemb<sup>r</sup> 8. 1742.

Present the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup>	}	Thomas Clap Moderator Sam <sup>l</sup> Whitman Scribe Jared Eliot Eben <sup>r</sup> Williams. Jonathan Marsh. Sam <sup>l</sup> Cooke. Sam <sup>l</sup> Whitlesey. Joseph Noyse. Anthony Stoddard
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Voted, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rector Clap M<sup>r</sup> Jared Eliot, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>el</sup> Whittlesy and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyse be a Committee to ascertain the price of Commons and provide for the College any Tutor or Butler, if any unforeseen providence shall render such provision necessary betwixt the times of the meetings of the Trustees: & to direct the Steward as in prudence they shall judge meet as to the preparation for the commencement dinner untill they shall order otherwise.

At the same meeting voted that the Thanks of this Board be returned to Madam Clap for her great goodness and Generosity in furnishing this College with a new Bell and that some persons be deputed in their names to do it & at the same time the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whittman & M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Williams were appointed to do it.

At the same meeting voted that S<sup>r</sup> Worthington be a Tutor in this College provided he give good satisfaction with respect to his principles, and he accordingly appeared before the trustees and did.

At the same meeting voted that S<sup>r</sup> Whiting be the Butler of this College.

Test SAM<sup>LL</sup>. WHITMAN Scribe.

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CCIX. REPORT TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE COMMITTEE TO REPAIR THE RECTOR'S HOUSE

October, 1742

[From the original in the State Library]

To y<sup>e</sup> honour<sup>able</sup>. General Assembly now Sitting in N. Haven  
Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1742

We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers being by your honours Appointed a  
Committee to take Care of & procure Certain Work to be Done  
at and about y<sup>e</sup> Rector's House, and to Render an Acco<sup>t</sup> of  
our Doings in that Affair to this Assembly Do Now humbly  
beg Leave to Exhibit y<sup>e</sup> Same which is as followeth, viz:

To Sundry Small repairs Done last fall	£ 0-11-4
To Bricks 5M at 60/	15- 0-0
To y <sup>e</sup> frame for y <sup>e</sup> Kitchen	12-10-0
To Stones 22 Load	7-10-0
To Lime & Clay	9- 7-0
To Masons & Tendance	15-14-9
To Boards Shingles Slitwork pales Joice plank } Timb <sup>r</sup> . Casements and laths }	61-00-9
To red Cedar for posts	6- 9-6
To Nails and Brads	15-15-9
To y <sup>e</sup> Joiner's & Glaisier's Bills	81-12-2
To y <sup>e</sup> Black Smiths Hinges latches &c:	5- 3-4
To Oil and Paint	5- 7-7
	<hr/>
	236- 2-2
Cash Recd.	163-10-0
	<hr/>
	Remains 72-12-2

D. EDWARDS } Com<sup>te</sup>.  
SAM<sup>L</sup>. MIX }

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CCX. MEMORIAL OF DANIEL EDWARDS AND SAMUEL MIX  
TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CON-  
CERNING REPAIRS MADE AT COLLEGE

May 6, 1743  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

The Memorial is in the handwriting of Rector Clap.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the General Assembly of the Colony of Con-  
necticut at their Session in May 1743

The Memorial of Daniel Edwards and Samuel Mix Humbly  
Sheweth

That Your Honours were Pleased to appoint us a Com<sup>ttee</sup>.  
to Build an Additional Kitchin and Make a New Fence about  
the Rectors House at New Haven, for which Service the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>. House in Oct<sup>r</sup>. last were Pleased to Grant to Your  
Memorialists Twelve Pounds (Old Tenour) but it being at the  
Close of the Assembly, that Vote it seems was lost or over-  
lookt, so that it did not Pass the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Bord. Your Me-  
morialists therefore pray that this Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Assembly would be  
pleased again to take the Case into Consideration and do in  
your Wisdom as you shall think Proper.

And so your Mem<sup>sta</sup>. as in duty bound shall ever Pray &c

DAN<sup>LL</sup>. EDWARDS  
SAM<sup>L</sup>. MIX

New Haven May 6<sup>th</sup>. 1743

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower house. Ordered y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> Collony  
be Ordered to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Memorialists y<sup>e</sup> Summ of Twelve  
pounds old Tenner & a Bill in form &c

Test JN<sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

Concurrd in the upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>r</sup>.

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CCXI. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 13, 1743

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

<p>At a meeting of the Trustees of Yale College at New-haven Sep. 13. 1743 present The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup></p>	}	<p>Thomas Clap Moderator Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitman Scribe Joseph Noyse Jared Eliot Sam<sup>l</sup> Whittlesy Benjamin Lord Anthony Stoddard</p>
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At the Same meeting M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Darling was chosen a Tutor of Yale College.

At the Same meeting y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Wadsworth of Hartford was chosen a Trustee of Yale College.

At the Same Meeting The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clap Sam<sup>l</sup> Whittlesy Jared Eliot and Joseph Noyse were chosen a Committee to dispose of the Farm at Salisbury.

At the same meeting voted that the Standing Committee for the putting in of a Tutor if there be need: put in a third Tutor if they think proper or agree with M<sup>r</sup> Whittlesy Tutor about his taking & instructing of two classes.

At the same meeting Sir Whiting was chosen Butler.

At the same The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clap & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whittlesy & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Noyse were chosen a Committee to carry The Memorial of the Trustees to be holden at Newhaven sometime in October next.

Voted That all undergraduate living in College shall be in Commons.

Test SAM<sup>LL</sup> WHITMAN Scribe



CCXII. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CON-  
NECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 13, 1743  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut at their session in New Haven Oct. 13, 1743.

The memorial of the Trustees of Yale College humbly sheweth:

That whereas this Honb<sup>l</sup> Assembly of their Fatherly Care and Concern for the religious as well as Civil Intrest of the People of this Colony were pleased to Found & Establish Yale College, which by the Blesing of God has been very Serviceable to Promote the Intrest of Religion & Learning in the Land, and has been the Visible Means of Qualifying Many for doing Special Service in Church and State: and this Honbl. Assembly have from time to time shown a just & Generous Disposition to grant such supplies as ware necessary for the suport of it. Yet your Memorialists would Inform your Honours that of late years by reason of the great Fall of Bills of Credit, your memorialists have not been able to well support the great and necessary charges thereof. And here your Memorialists would beg leave to put your Honours in mind of what this Assembly have heretofore done upon that account. When this Assembly granted the College Charter in the year 1701 they ware pleased therein to Grant 120 pounds annuall in Country Pay. Afterwards, viz. in the year 1712 (when the manner of Payment was altered,) this Assembly were pleased to grant 100 Pounds annuall in silver money or Bills in lieu of the aforesaid 120 Pounds in Pay. And after some grants of the Impost Money this Assembly in the year 1729, (in Consideration of the fall of Bills) were pleased to grant 80 Pounds, & in the year 1731 to grant 100 Pounds per annum in addition to the aforesaid 100, which two Hundred Pounds have continued ever since. And now your Memorialists would inform your Honours that by reason of the continual depre-

ciating of the said Bills, your memorialists have not been able to defray the current Charges & to well support the Officers & Instructors of the College. but they have been obliged to serve the Public out of their own private Fortunes (in part,) and besides by reason of the Increase of the Number of the Students, that two Tutors are not able well and sufficiently to instruct three classes: and therefore there is great need of a third Tutor if we had herewithall to support him. Your Memorialists therefore would humbly pray that your Honour would be pleased to take the Premises into your wise Consideration, and that from a Generous Regard to the Flourishing state of Learning would be pleased to grant such a Sum of Lawful Money as may be equal to, and in lieu of the original Grants which we suppose, all Circumstances considered to be nearly Equivalent to 100 Pounds, which we apprehend will be requisite in Order to Support another Tutor, and the other necessary Charges of the College, and such Grant to Continue for such a Time as your Honours in your Wisdom and Goodness shall think Proper.

And so your Memorialists, as in Duty Bound, shall ever pray, &c.

THOMAS CLAP	} Comtee.
SAM <sup>LL</sup> . WHITTELSEY	
JOSEPH NOYES	

Upon the Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College.

This Assembly do hereby grant unto the Trustees afores<sup>d</sup> for the Use of said College in lieu of all former Grants to them, or the College, for its support, such Sum in Bills of publick Credit, to be paid out of the publick Treasury in two equal Payments in October and May annually as shall . . . . . be equivalent to one hundred pounds lawful money of this Colony, This Grant to continue during the Pleasure of this Assembly.

Past in the Upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secrety.

Concurred with in y<sup>e</sup> Lower House

Test J<sup>N</sup>º. FOWLER Clerk

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CCXIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

September 12, 1744

[From the original minutes in the University Archives]

The vote prescribing a limit of age for Freshmen, was prompted by the cases of David Brainerd, of the Class of 1743, who had been expelled in 1741, and Samuel Buell, of the Class of 1741, who had been irregularly ordained in 1742. Each of these was over twenty-one at the beginning of his Freshman year.

Att a meeting of Trustees of Yale College in New haven  
Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 1744

Then Present

The Rev <sup>d</sup> Mess <sup>rs</sup>	{	Tho Clap Rect <sup>r</sup>
		Jared Eliot
		Sam <sup>l</sup> Cooke
		Sam <sup>l</sup> Whittlsey
		Josph Noyes
		Anthony Stoddard
		Benj. Lord
		Dan <sup>l</sup> Wadsworth

The Question being put Whether M<sup>r</sup> Buell, being ordained in the manner he was shall Barr him of his masters degree, Resolved in the Negative Provided that this act Shall never be brought as a Precedent.

Whereas the originall design of this College as declared in the Charter was for the Training up youth in the arts and Sciences it is agreed and voted that after the End of this vacancy no person Shall be admitted a freshman into this College who is more than twenty one years old, unless by Special allowance of the Trustees or their Committee.

That the Rector with the advice of any two or three of the Trustees apply himself to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly in Oct<sup>r</sup> next to

~~Revive the motion~~ for Erecting another College house; or to Repair the Rectors house also to Purchase additional Lands to the College yard.

A Draught of a new Charter for Yale College being Red at this Board, voted that the S<sup>d</sup> draught be delivered to Coll. Fitch for his Perusal and best thoughts upon it; for which we order him five pounds old Tenor and that the draught by the advice of two or three Trustees by the Rector be presented to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly in Oct next, desiring that they would be Pleased to Pass it into an Act.

JARED ELIOT Scribe

CCXIV. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 11, 1744  
with the action thereon

[From the original in the State Library]

The Report of the Committee to whom the Memorial was referred is in the handwriting of Robert Treat (Yale 1718), of Milford, a member of the Lower House.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut now Sitting at New Haven this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1744

The Memorial of the Trustees of Yale College Humbly Sheweth

That whereas the Covering of the Rectors House both as to the Roof and Sides is very defective and leaky, and thereby the House likely to Receive Dammage, and the Assembly have always shown a generous Disposition to Relive the College in such Cases. These are therefor to Desire that your Honours would be Pleased to Appoint a Committee to View the said House to Consider what Repairs are proper and to Report there opinion there upon.

And so Your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever Pray  
&c.

THOMAS CLAP	}	Committee of the Trustees
SAMUEL WHITTELEY		
JOSEPH NOYES		

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House the Prayer of y<sup>e</sup> Memorialist Granted as Prayed for, and Col. Edmund Lewis Mr<sup>s</sup>. Robert Treat & Thomas Bennedict be Appointed for y<sup>e</sup> Purposes prayed for, and Report to this Assembly in their present Session their Opinion y<sup>r</sup>on.

Test JN<sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. in the upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>

Upon y<sup>e</sup> Memorial of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. Trustees of Yale-Colledge Desiring a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Veiw y<sup>e</sup> Rectors House & Consider what Repairs are Proper & to Report there opinion thereon.

Your Honours Com<sup>tee</sup>. Desire liberty humbly to Report There opinion that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Rectors House is very Defective in y<sup>e</sup> Covering both Roof & Sides & had best be all covered new we having fully veiwed y<sup>e</sup> same & also y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Windows be fitted w<sup>th</sup>. Sash Glass & y<sup>e</sup> Sides Colour'd

EDMUND LEWIS	}	Com <sup>tee</sup> .
ROB <sup>t</sup> . TREAT		
THOMAS BENEDICK		

In y<sup>e</sup> Lower House y<sup>e</sup> above Report Read & Approved & ordered y<sup>t</sup>. a Bill in form be drawn y<sup>r</sup>on accordingly

Test JN<sup>o</sup>. FOWLER Clerk

Concurr<sup>d</sup>. in the upper House

Test GEORGE WYLLYS Secret<sup>y</sup>.

CCXV. THE JUDGMENT OF THE RECTOR AND TUTORS  
CONCERNING JOHN AND EBENEZER CLEAVELAND

November 19, 1744

[From the printed *Judgment of the Rector and Tutors*,  
pp. 5-8, New London, 1745]

At this date John Cleaveland was a member of the Senior class, and his brother was a Freshman. Both were subsequently admitted to degrees:—John under President Clap, in 1763; and Ebenezer, under President Daggett, in 1775.

Yale-College, November 19th, 1744.

Present, The Rector and Tutors.

Upon Information that John Cleaveland and Ebenezer Cleaveland, Members of this College, withdrew from the publick Worship of God in the Meeting-house in Canterbury, carried on by Mr. Cogswell . . . . . ; and that they the said Cleavelands, with sundry others . . . . . , did go to & attend upon a private separate Meeting in a private House, for divine Worship, carried on principally by one Solomon Paine, a Lay-Exhorter, on several Sabbaths in September or October last.

The said Cleavelands being several times sent for, Acknowledged the Facts, as above related, and Justified what they had done, and gave in the Reasons given in Writing by the said Separatists for their Separation, aforesaid . . . . .

Whereupon it is Considered by the Rector and Tutors,  
. . . . . That this practice of setting up Lay-Exhorters (which has of late prevailed in the Country) is without any Scripture Warrant, and is Subsersive of the standing Order of a Learned Gospel Ministry, and naturally tends to introduce spiritual Pride, Enthusiasm and all manner of Disorders into the Christian Church

Whereupon it is Considered and Adjudged by the Rector and Tutors, ~~That the said~~ John and Ebenezer Cleaveland, in Withdrawing and Separating from the publick Worship of God, and Attending upon the Preaching of a Lay-Exhorter, as aforesaid, have acted contrary to the Rules of the Gospel, the Laws of this Colony and of the College; and that the said Cleavelands shall be publickly Admonished for their Faults, aforesaid: And if they shall continue to Justifie themselves, and refuse to make an Acknowledgement they shall be Expelled.

THOMAS CLAP Rector.

CCXVI. EXTRACT FROM THE "DECLARATION OF THE  
RECTOR AND TUTORS AGAINST WHITEFIELD"

in a letter dated  
February 25, 1745

[From the printed *Declaration*, pp. 10-12, Boston, 1745]

Rev. Sir,

. . . . . It has always appeared to us, that you and other Itinerants have laid a Scheme to vilify and subvert our Colleges, and to introduce a Sett of Ministers into our Churches, by other Ways and Means of Education. In your Journal, P. 96. you say, As to the Universities, I believe it may be truly said, that the Light in them is now become Darkness, even thick Darkness that may be felt. . . . .

Upon the best Information, we suppose, that altho' at the first Erection of this College, and while it was for some Years destitute of a resident Rector and compleat Government, there were sundry Instances of Vice and Irreligion; yet by the good Government of the late Rector, under the Inspection of the venerable Trustees, it was by Degrees brought into a very well regulated State as to Learning, Religion and Manners. And that as many learned and godly Ministers have been

educated here as at any College or private Seminary in the World; of no longer Standing. But this is certain, that soon after the Publication of these Slanders upon the Colleges, this was upon several Accounts in a worse State than it was before. Sundry of the Students ran into Enthusiastic Errors and Disorders, censur'd and reviled their Governours and others; for which some were expell'd, denied their Degrees, or otherwise punished; and some withdrew to that Thing call'd the Shepherd's Tent. And we've been inform'd, that the Students were told, that there was no Danger in disobeying their present Governours, because there would in a short Time be a great Change in the civil Government, and so in the Governours of the College. . . . .

We are, Rev. Sir,

Your humble Servants, in all that we may,

THOMAS CLAP,	Rector
CHAUNCEY WHITTESEY,	} Tutors.
JONATHAN WHITING,	
THOMAS DARLING,	

CCXVII. A LETTER CONCERNING JOHN AND EBENEZER  
CLEAVELAND, EXPELLED STUDENTS

[From the *New York Post-Boy*, March 17, 1745]

The authorship is unknown.

A Letter from a Gentleman in Connecticut, to his Friend at New-York.

Sir;

The Friendship you have always honoured me with, encourages me to trouble you with this Letter, upon an Affair, I think very extraordinary in its Kind, as well as Consequences: It is a Fact that, I believe, will not be controverted by any Person in the College; it is as follows; Two of the



Students went, the last Vacation, to see their Parents; at the Time of their being at home, they were by them persuaded, desired or ordered, to go and hear a neighbouring Minister preach, who is distinguished in the Colony by the Name of a New-Light; they accordingly went, it may be with their own Inclinations, without any Persuasion, Desire or Order of any Person; for I can't say which it was, but go they did: When the Vacation expired, they returned to College: The Governors of the University were informed, they had been to hear a New-Light Preacher; it is of little Consequence how the Information came, or who was the Informer; but the Fact was, they had been to hear such a One; for which, and for no other Cause, they were both expelled the College. How this is agreeable to Reason, Justice, or the Principles of natural Equity, I can't see . . . . .

You must excuse me, if I am a little warm upon this late Stretch of College Power; it is the utmost Cruelty and Injustice, take the Thing in what Light you please: Had the civil Magistrates undertaken the Affair, and punished them for a Breach of the Law of the Colony (lately made to prevent the New-Lights from disturbing the Government) that might have been just, but for a College to inflict so cruel a Punishment for a Crime not committed within their Jurisdiction, and for which they had not the least Glimpse of Authority, is not a little surprising. . . . .

I am,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

HEZEKIAH W—R.

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CCXVIII. LETTER OF THOMAS CLAP

April 18, 1745

[From the *New York Post-Boy*, April 29, 1745]

Mr. Parker,

I have seen in your Post-Boy of the 18th of March last, an anonymous Letter publish'd, giving an Account of the Expulsion of two Scholars; which was therein asserted to be for no other Reason, than going to hear a neighbouring Minister preach who is distinguished in this Province by the Name of a New Light; and this fact, he says, will not be disputed by any Person in the College. It is surprizing to me, that any Person should assert such a notorious Falshood, or expect it should find Belief: For it is known to the World, that a great Number of the Ministers in this Colony have the Name of New Lights, and sundry of them have Sons at College; and that the Scholars have always had free Liberty to go and hear any of them, and there never was any Thought of a Prohibition: Tho' this indeed is true, that they were prohibited from following Lay-Exhorters, and Separations, whoever preach'd at them. I don't think it is worth while for me to give a particular Account of this Affair . . . . . But this is the best Account that can be given of it in a few Words, that they were expelled for being Followers of the Paines, two Lay-Exhorters, whose corrupt Principles and pernicious Practices are set forth in the Declaration of the Ministers of the County of Windham . . . . .

I am &c.

THOMAS CLAP.

New-Haven, April 18, 1745.

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