

RESOLVED, That hereafter each student in each of the schools shall be exercised every Saturday morning in delivering a speech or speeches in English.

RESOLVED, That after the present quarter, each student of the college, except poor boys on the foundation, or admitted to receive their education gratis, pay the annual sum of £. 6. 10 for tuition, fire-wood, pens and ink, and that one fourth of the said sum be charged quarterly.

RESOLVED, That hereafter any person who shall have obtained the degree of bachelor of arts in St. John's college, may, at any commencement which shall be held after the lapse of three years from the time of obtaining the said degree, at the discretion of the principal, be admitted to the degree of master of arts.

RESOLVED, That the professor of languages, and the professor of English and grammar, with the assistance of Mr. Curran, at present assistant to the last professor, and of Mr. Owen, master of writing and arithmetic, do teach every thing at present taught in the schools of the said two professors, and in the school of writing and arithmetic; that each professor preside in his own school; but that the first professor have authority to make arrangements with respect to lessons, &c. and that the principal have a general superintending power over all the schools, as heretofore, and shall have the power of placing students in the said schools as he shall think proper.

RESOLVED, That from and after the next summer vacation, each boy entering the college, not a resident of Annapolis, shall board in the college building, and pay for his board and accommodation, mentioned in the last regulation, at the rate of £. 50 per annum, to be advanced quarterly, and returned occasionally; that the students already at college, be invited to board in the said building; that thereafter every professor and teacher, who is a single man, and not a housekeeper, shall board in the said building, to preserve order, and that he shall have the same authority as at any time heretofore hath been conferred on any master boarding in the college.

IN addition to the foregoing resolutions, rules and orders, the trustees, at a meeting held on the 12th instant, Resolved,

That henceforth every student entering the school of languages, shall be taught whatever is directed to be taught to the class in which he shall be placed. In case he will not conform to this rule, he shall be dismissed.

That henceforth there shall be two stated oratorical exhibitions in every year, viz. on the Friday of the first week of the May term of the general court for the western shore, and on the Friday of the third week of the annual session of the general assembly.

That all the students of each school, now at college, be requested to wear such cheap distinguishing uniform dress as the principal shall propose, and be approved by this board; and that all students, hereafter entering, shall be obliged to wear the said dress, or be dismissed. But this order is not to be carried into execution until after the next Easter vacation.

N. B. The law for founding the college, viz. the act of 1784, ch. 37, contains many rules, particularly one directing four annual examinations. Instead of presenting them here, we refer to the collection of the acts of assembly lately published, or that in 1787.

THE trustees think proper here to present an extract from their address to the last general assembly, viz.

It has ever appeared to them that Annapolis, of all other places, is the best calculated for carrying into effect the intention of the founders of St. John's college; and thence it was that they chose Annapolis for its seat. It is a deplorable idea of a complete education which does not comprehend in it manners, a knowledge of the world, and some training to politics. Of Annapolis, with respect to manners as well as morals, it may be invidious to make any remark. With respect to size and population, it is precisely the place for a college. It is not so large as that each student may not be known to every inhabitant, and it is not so small but that the whole body of students may be overawed from riots or dissolute behaviour. It enjoys that singular advantage of having the trustees on the spot, capable of superintending its professors and masters, and the idea of excelling in the eyes of these men will ever be a powerful incentive to the students.—It is here that youths may be trained to the art of government, that most useful, most noble, most difficult of all sciences.—It is here, that attending the public debates the intemperate, ardent youth, will catch the flame of patriotism, and imbibe a laudable ambition.

Experience has evinced, that the trustees acted judiciously in choosing Annapolis for the seat of St. John's college. They avow, that at no seminary whatever has there been less disorderly behaviour amongst students than at St. John's college. A riot amongst its students has never been known; but, on the contrary, they have in general been noted for the correctness of their behaviour, and exemption from those vices which too often disgrace public schools.

The trustees are sensible that reports have been circulated tending to impress the idea, that the students of St. John's college are extravagant and dissipated. Now admitting it could be proved, that in the course of fifteen years, there have been some few instances of young men who may have been too expensive in their dress, and have devoted too great a portion of their time to the polite society to which their connexions, or their own address, had introduced them—the trustees at the same time must be suffered to observe, that unhappily mankind are too apt to form general conclusions from particular facts, and to condemn a whole institution on account of the conduct of a few of its members. They presume to remark further, that the irregularities of students at schools whose situation is less conspicuous, may escape notice, whilst thousands may watch the proceedings at St. John's college, and amongst them may be persons disposed to blast its reputation, and bring about its destruction.

By order,

N. H. CARROLL, President.

In ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, February 19, 1805.

N. B. It might, perhaps, have been more satisfactory, had the date of each resolution been given: But it is hoped that it will be sufficient to state, that with the exception of the rules, or ordinances, passed on the 12th instant, there is not one regulation which has not many years existed; and that altogether they form, in the trustees opinion, a complete code so far as the objects extend.

It has been already intimated, that there are laws, rules, ordinances, not comprehended in the foregoing statement; and the trustees have referred to the act of assembly, passed in 1784, for founding the college. It may not be amiss to say further, that there are other regulations, framed by the trustees, respecting college hours, vacations and payments, which they did not esteem necessary to insert in an address, which, without them, might appear prolix. The said regulations were framed on great deliberation; they are similar to those of other good seminaries; and like them they are liable at any time to be abrogated, altered or amended, as occasion may seem to require.