Charter of Washington College, 1824

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Statements, 1824 and 1826.

List of Officers and Students, 1827-28.

from a reprint of the Hartford Directory of 1828.

All the Annual Catalogues printed before 1846, viz.: 1829-30
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There was no Catalogue printed for the year 1848-49.

General Catalogue, 1842.

The Annuals of 1834-35 are in an ander
46-47 contain Lectures on the Laws, 1838.

Certain States, 1845. These are also in the regular Catalogue of 1845.

In the Catalogue of 1834-35 is a list of subscriptions. In that for
1844-45 is a Catalogue of the Episcopal Academy of Iowa.

The Proceedings in regard to the
Change of Name of the College
are in the Catalogue for 1844-45.
Whereas sundry inhabitants of this State, of the denomination of Christians called The Protestant Episcopal Church, have represented, by their petition addressed to the General Assembly, that great advantages would accrue to the State, as well as to the general interests of literature and science, by establishing within the State another Collegiate Institution, therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Thomas C. Brownell, Harry Croswell, Elijah Boardman, Samuel W. Johnson, Birdsey G. Noble, Samuel Merwin, Nathaniel S. Wheaton, Elisha Cushman, Charles Siggourney, Thomas Macdonough, Richard Adams, David Watkinson, Ebenezer Young, Jonathan Starr Jr., Nathan Smith, John Thompson Peters, Asa Chapman, Elias Perkins, John S. Peters, and Luther Loomis, and their successors be, and the same hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate for ever, by the name of the "Trustees of Washington College," and by that name shall and may have continual succession hereafter, and shall be able in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, and may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and also shall be able in law to take by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or in any other manner, and to hold any real and per-
II. Resolved, That the said Trustees and their successors shall for ever hereafter have full power and authority to direct and manage the Funds for the benefit of the Institution, and also to prescribe and direct the course of study, and the discipline to be observed in the said College; and also to elect from their own number or otherwise, a Board or Committee, to be called the Fellows of the College, to whom they may commit the superintendence of the course of study and discipline; and also to select and appoint a President of the said College, and such Professor or Professors, Tutor or Tutors, to assist the President in the government and education of the Students belonging to the said College, and such other officer or officers as to the said Trustees shall seem meet, all of whom shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Trustees; Provided always, That no President shall be dismissed by the Trustees, without cause previously stated to him in writing, and a full opportunity allowed him for his defence, and by the concurrence of at least two thirds of the Trustees; and Provided further, That no Professor, Tutor, or other assistant officer shall be eligible to the office of a Trustee.

III. Resolved, That any five of the said Trustees, lawfully convened as hereinafter directed, shall be a quorum for the dispatch of all business, except for the disposal of real estate, or for the choice of a President, or for the election of Trustees, for either of which purposes, there shall be at least a majority of the whole number of Trustees.

IV. Resolved, That the President of the College shall always be, ex officio, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman or President of the same, and that a Secretary of
the Board shall be elected by the Trustees, to hold his office during their pleasure.

V. Resolved, That the said Trustees shall have power to increase their number from time to time, at their discretion, to the number of twenty-four; and they shall also have power, by a majority of votes of the members present, to elect and appoint, upon the death, removal out of the State, or other vacancy of the place or places of any Trustee or Trustees, other or others in his or their places or stead, as often as such vacancy shall happen; and also to make and declare vacant the seat of any Trustee who shall absent himself for any term of two years, or from any four successive meetings duly notified; and they shall also have power to meet from time to time upon their own adjournment, and so often as they shall be summoned by their Chairman or President, or in his absence, by the Senior Trustee, whose Seniority shall be accounted according to the order in which the said Trustees are named in this act, and shall be elected hereafter; Provided always, That the said Chairman, or President, or the Senior Trustee, shall not summon a meeting of the Corporation, unless required thereto in writing, by three of the members; and Provided also, That he cause notice of the time and place of the said meeting to be given in such manner as the Trustees shall in their Bye-Laws prescribe.

VI. Resolved, That the said Trustees and their successors shall have power and authority to grant all such literary Honours and Degrees as are usually granted by any University, College, or Seminary of learning, in this State, or in the United States; and in testimony of such grant, to give suitable Diplomas, under their seal and the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board, which Diplomas shall entitle the possessors respectively to all the immunities and privileges which, either by usage or by statute are allowed to possessors of similar Diplomas from any other University, College, or Seminary of learning.

VII. Resolved, That the said Trustees and their successors shall have full power and authority to make all ordi-
Ordinances and Bye-Laws which to them shall seem expedient, for carrying into effect the designs of their Institution; Provided always, that such ordinances or Bye-Laws shall not make the religious tenets of any person a condition of admission to any privilege in the said College, and that no President, or Professor, or other officer shall be made ineligible for or by reason of any religious tenet that he may profess, or be compelled, by any Bye-Law, or otherwise, to subscribe to any religious test whatsoever: and Provided also, That none of the Bye-Laws as aforesaid shall be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, or with the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

VIII. Resolved, That the Funds which may at any time belong to the Institution now incorporated, shall enjoy the like exemptions from Taxation, and the Institution itself, and its officers, shall enjoy the same privileges and exemptions, as have already been granted, or may hereafter be granted, to Yale College, its officers, and its Funds.

IX. Resolved, That whenever Funds shall be contributed or secured to the said College, to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars, and not before, the Trustees may proceed to organize and establish the said College in such Town in this State as they shall judge most expedient.