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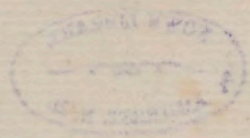


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Franklin Society.



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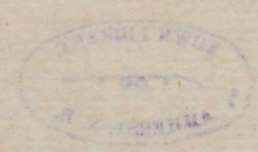
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Alphabetical List of the  
Members of the Franklin Society.

Dr. \*Herman Abbot

Samuel Abbot *Rep.*

Abraham Andrews

Charles H. Atherton *M. G.*

John P. Batchelder *M. D.*

\*John Burnam

Joseph Bell *Rep.*

William Claggett *Rep. & Sen.*

Rev. Nathan K. Clough

Joseph Cushing

E. E. Clam

Caleb Emerson

Dr. Luther Farley

John Farmer

Allen Fisk

Benj. F. French *Rep.*

William Gordon *Rep.*

Alonso S. Grenville.

Rev. \*Levi Hartshorn

\*Jacob Holmes

Joshua Holt

Eugene Hutchinson

Hon. Isaac Hill *Sen. in Cong.*

George Kimball

Joseph B. Manning

\*David M. Means *Col. & Rep.*

\*William F. Morrison

\*Harrison G. Otis, jr.

Edmund Parker *Judge of Prob., Rep.*

James Perkins

Robert Read *Rep. & Col.*

David Secombe

~~Alonso Snow~~

Matthias Spalding *M. D.*

Hon. Gustavus Swan *Judge*

Ebenezer Taylor, Jr.

Henry J. Tudor

Andrew Wallace *Rep.*



Records of the Franklin Society.

September 16. 1807.

John P. Bachelder,  
Herman Abbot, Nathaniel K. Blough, Joseph Bushing, Caleb Emerson,

Frederic French, William Gordon, Isaac Hill, David Holmes, Thomas Means,

David M. G. Means, Edmund Parker, Matthias Spalding, Jedidiah K. Smith,

and Gustavus Swan met at the house of br. Bushing agreeably to ad-

journalment. The meeting being opened, and br. Parker in the chair; the

chairman of the committee, consisting of Blough, Emerson, and Gordon,

was directed by vote to read the draft of rules and regulations, pre-

pared for the Franklin Society. Afterwards a second reading was had

according to the following vote: that "the draft be read, article by

"article, with sufficient interval between each section for any discuss-

"sion, or amendatory vote, which may be thought expedient." The

report of the committee was then accepted: and the preamble, rules and

regulations, general provisions, and the form of the initiatory address,

and of the charge were adopted for the government of the society.

Agreeably to our laws we then resolved ourselves into the

first quarterly meeting. Our first business being the elec-

tion of officers, we accordingly took a vote for the purpose, and

chose

Records of the

Charles H. Atherton	President,
Edmund Parker	vice president,
William Gordon	<del>secretary,</del>
Caleb Emerson <del>Wm. Gordon</del>	censors,
Wm. Gordon <del>Caleb Emerson</del>	secretary,
C. Emerson	librarian,
Joseph Cushing, Nat. H. Clough, Gustavus Swan	library committee

The secretary was directed to inform bro. Atherton and Swan of their election; the former not having attended the meeting, the latter having retired with indisposition.

Brothers Atherton, Cushing, French, Holmes, Means 2<sup>d</sup>, and Spalding received an honorable dismission. Emerson was nominated to inform J. H. Smith, who had retired, of the next meeting, and to invite him to attend, as honorary member; likewise Cushing, Ephraim P. Bradford, who did not attend, and Means 1<sup>st</sup>, who had left the meeting. Hugh<sup>son</sup> Moore and Jeremiah Barnard were then nominated for honorary membership; Benjamin Peirce and Nathan Jones for probationary. Performances for



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## Franklin Society.

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the next meeting being assigned, and members having paid their  
assessments; the meeting was adjourned to this hour at the  
stated time. Gordon, secy.

Sept 30. Met according to adjournment. On motion, balloting was  
had on the nominations of Humphrey Moore and Jeremiah Leonard  
who were unanimously elected as honorary members. Samuel Bell  
David Everett, William Read and Daniel Prior were nom-  
inated for honorary membership. On calling the bill, Gordon was  
absent. — Voted to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday Oct. 7. at 7 o'clock  
P.M. to meet at the house of Joseph Cushing.

Emerson, Secy. pro. tem.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

The meeting being opened by calling the names of  
the members, the society proceeded to balloting. Samuel Bell,  
David Everett, William Read, and Daniel Prior, as quires,  
were unanimously elected honorary members. After a  
long and animated debate the following Resolves passed;  
that "the connexions of a probationary member with  
the society shall cease upon his leaving the place without  
giving notice of his intention to return to the society.  
They shall also cease on an absence of three months,  
though notice may have been given". It was then

voted to ballot for Benj<sup>t</sup>. Peice and Nathan Jones: which  
votes from considerations of expediency, and not from  
objections to their character, were afterwards reconsidered.  
Robert Means esquire and Reverend Thomas Bede were nomina-  
ted, as honorary; likewise Robert Reed and Elisha Clam, as  
immediate members. Brother Batchelder, who was absent at  
the time ~~and since~~ the adoption of our rules and regulations,  
attended this evening, and, consenting thereto, received the  
charge. A vote being then had, the honorary and immediate  
members present, namely, Charles H. Atkinson, Joseph Cushing,  
Herman Abbot, Nathan H. Clough, Gustavus Swan, Edmund  
Parker, Isaac Hill, John P. Batchelder, Caleb Emerson, and  
William Gordon subscribed the rules and regulations. Br.  
Cushing received by vote the thanks of the society for  
having accommodated us with the use of a room in his house.  
Dr. Batchelder paid his apportionments. On calling the bill br.  
Gordon's excuse for absence last meeting and br. Abbot's for  
tardiness this were accepted. This meeting stands adjourned  
to the stated time, to meet in the hall over the Bank,

Gordon, secy.

Wednesday - Oct. 11.

According to adjournment the society met in the  
hall over the bank, of the immediate members br.  
Batchelder, alone being absent. After performing his  
declamation, br. Parker had leave to retire. After the  
exercise we proceeded to elect Coll. Means & Thos. Bede  
honorary members; also Robert Reed & Elisha  
Clam immediate members. Clough was nomi-  
nated to sound Reed, & Emerson to sound Clam.  
Frederic French & Dr. John Wallace, the person de-  
signated by the name of Andrew Wallace,  
Josiah Butler were put on the nomination  
list.

Gordon, secy.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1807.

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Met in the Hall over the Bank. On calling the list Parker  
was found to be absent. After hearing a declamation ~~by~~  
Clough, attending to a <sup>voluntary</sup> dissertation by the same, and a  
composition by Emerson; we proceeded to the initiation  
of our lately elected brother Robert Read; who, in con-  
sequence of the urgent avocations of the gentleman, nomi-  
nated to sound him, was indebted for his intro-  
duction to the politeness of our honorary brother, David  
M. G. Mason. Our honorary brother the rev. Ep. P. Bradford was  
then introduced by Clough, and attended to the  
recital of the initiatory address by the president.  
The question, "whether the possession of slaves promote  
the happiness of man" was ingeniously discussed. Many  
of the immediate and of the honorary members then gave  
a highly interesting and honorable display of their talents  
in the faithful investigation of this subject. Our pleas-  
ure was still heightened & protracted by the clear, and cog-  
ent arguments of the president; who decided the question  
in the negative. After this F. French Jr. was admitted elected  
immediate member. John Shepard was proposed  
as probationary member. The committee for pur-  
chase of books were directed by vote to purchase  
Bunker's Works. The president then communi-  
cated to the society the information, received by  
letter from hon. Samuel Bee, his acknowl-  
edgment to the society for his election, and  
of his pleasure, he anticipated in becoming  
a member. Mutual adjournment.

W. J. Gordon, secy

Nov. 11. 1807.

Meeting opened according to custom. Blough and Emerson had leave to retire for the purpose of introducing French and Earn. Voted, that the said. May read two letters to the president, one from honorable Samuel Bell, the other from David Everett's request. Voted, that all letters of acceptance from honorary members be kept on file by the secretary. Proceeded to the exercises; which were commenced by the declamation of Hill. The compositions of Blough and of Gordon were then read. Question, "would the benefits of the press be greater, if were it entirely under control of Government?" Being agitated at length by Brown party for negatives, and by Parker in the affirmative, was submitted for decision to D. Everett's request, who has requested to take the chair. The honorable gentleman displayed his usual humour and pleasing sentiments; but thought it of no importance to decide. Afterwards, the secretary,

in the chair for license, decided at a stroke  
 this formidable question in the negative. Pre-  
 vious to the agitation of the above question,  
 Clam and French were admitted and initiated.  
 Swan's declamation concluded the stated exer-  
 cises. Moved & seconded to ballot for Dr. Wallace.  
 Pres. Parker during the interesting discussion,  
 which preceded calling for the vote, retired  
 from the chair. The vote was not carried, sev-  
 en in the negative, two in the affirmative.  
 Ballot for selected John Shepard as pro-  
 vationary member. Gordon was directed  
 to sound him. Declamation was agreed  
 for his stated exercise, should he join us.  
 Selected Josiah Butler; to be sounded by  
 Gordon. Having voted to reconsider the  
 vote of postponement relative to Wallace,  
 under this vote, voted, after long & warm  
 debate, an indefinite postponement.  
 Adjourned, eleven o'clock.

Gordon, Secy

Nov. 25.

Met according to adjournment. On calling the members, Gordon, Abbot, and Elam, were absent. The exercises commenced with a declamation, by Emerson. An extemporaneous dispute on the question, "Whether war had been beneficial to mankind?" was next agitated by Hill in the affirmative, and blough in the negative; Bushing, Holmes, and ~~Andrew~~ Parker, and Emerson; after which the President, in a lucid and plenary opinion, decided the question in the negative. Compositions of Abbot and Swan were read, and the exercises closed with a declamation by R. Read.

Henry Tudor was nominated for immediate membership. On motion, voted that the names of Pierce & Jones be erased from the nomination list, they having retired from the town. Voted that the President be requested to deliver an oration, or an address on the next quarterly meeting. - Adj.

C. Emerson Secy.  
per tem.

Dec.  
Nov. 9. 1807.

The bill being called, Brother Bradford was requested to take the chair. Vote being had to proceed to the exercises, brother Parker commenced them with a declamation in poetry. Dr. Emerson then read his composition read. Swan and Abbot then proceeded to discuss the question, "Whether it would be more advantageous to the United States to encourage agriculture, than manufactures." The improvement of the parties was noticed; but the vagueness of the question was regretted. On this latter account no decision was had. During the discussion of the above the Reverend J. Barnard came into the meeting. Business was therefore

suspended; & the initiatory address delivered, and the course of read. F. French of then declaimed; after which a voluntary declamation by Gordon closed the exercises. B. E. Clem was excused for non attendance at last meeting; fined for not performing this. Albot and Emerson were agreeably to Law, appointed committee to settle with the Secretary. The nomination list being read, voted to ballot for Henry Tudor, who was elected. Mr Bradford was nominated to sound Tudor.

William Gordon Sec

December 16. 1807.

On this was held the second quarterly meeting of the Franklin Society. The secretary stated to the society, that Messrs Butler and Shepard, sensible of the honor done them, thought it necessary to decline our invitation; the former on account of the short residence he expected to make in this town; the latter on account of the necessity, he would be under of frequent non attendance. The secretary then stated by request the President's reason for not attending & delivering his address. A vote was then had, to request the President to deliver his address on the second meeting of the then ever

During term. The reports of the several committees were then made through the Secretary, & accepted, after which the votes were voted the committees. A vote being had to open the schedule of nominations for consideration, under this vote were elected John Wallace and Andrew Wallace immediate members, and Jacob Holmes probationary. Vice President Parker was nominated to succeed the two former, and D. Holmes the latter. To Jacob Holmes was allotted the exercise of declamation. D. Curtis was nominated for hon. membership.

Our next business being the choice of officers for the ensuing year, a vote was had for the purpose. W. Atherton was unanimously chosen president. L. Kerwin was chosen V. Parker vice president, M. Gordon secretary, Caleb Emerson first censor, Gordon second censor, C. Emerson librarian, Jos. Cushing, Nath. H. Clough, and Gustavus Swan library committee. Then passed J. Hill's resolve, "Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Chas. H. Atherton, esq. for the attention, correctness, and impartiality, with which he has discharged the functions of president of the institution; and that the Secretary be directed to enter the same upon the records."



Emerson, Clough, Hill, Read, French, Swan, Parker,  
and Elam paid their regular assessments. The  
secretary should have inserted at the com-  
mencement of the present record, that Henry  
Judor was introduced by Mr. Bradford, and in-  
stituted immediate member. Judor having paid  
both assessments; the meeting was adjourned.

Mulford

December 23<sup>d</sup> 1807.

The names being called, Parker, who was at  
the last meeting nominated to found the Wal-  
lace, stated to the society his inability to report.  
The nomination list being read, it was voted,  
that D. S. Curtis be canvassed. He was elected  
~~honorary~~ <sup>honorary</sup> member. W. Elam obtained leave  
to retire. The president then came in, to whom  
the vice president resigned the chair. We then  
proceeded to the exercises. Elam, having an  
exercise in composition assigned for performance  
this evening, stated to the society, for not  
furnishing a regular one, a written apol-  
ogy on account of indisposition. To this  
was suffixed, an essay, selected from the  
the secretary has pardon, this was the production of Elam's  
Cabinet, on charity; which, being in its  
self full of generous feeling and excellent  
morality, and peculiarly applicable and appo-

private on account of circumstances,  
was, it is believed, heard by the so-  
ciety with much pleasure. The question  
this evening agitated by Parker in the  
affirmative and Read in the negative, was,  
"Whether an increase of duties on imported  
liquors would be beneficial to this coun-  
try!" After a short, but appropriate and  
amusing discussion by parties, this ques-  
tion was stated by the President to be,  
in his estimation, rather a political  
one; and therefore one, which could not be  
supposed to come much under the con-  
sideration of persons whose pursuits are  
for the most part literary. Any method to  
increase the taxes of the richer classes of the  
community, and to relieve in a propor-  
tionate degree the poorer classes therefrom,  
would be beneficial; it would be fair, gen-  
erous, and merciful. Any method to pre-  
vent the inordinate use of spirits, would  
be highly beneficial; but the present would  
probably be found impracticable. Could  
any prevention of the use not only of im-

ported <sup>and</sup> liquors, but of all spirits whatso-  
ever, ~~introduce~~ the be effected by law,  
and in such way, as to introduce the use  
of malt liquors; This too would be highly  
useful to the Country. Voted, that Blough  
be a committee to wait on br. Elam, and  
to request of him an explanation of the  
meaning of his Resignation, as laid be-  
fore the Society in writing. Voted, that  
Parker and Blough be a committee to  
form a Bill of Secrets of the Franklin  
Society, and to report on the second stated  
meeting next ensuing. Voted, that Emer-  
son and Gordon be a committee to  
report Resolves, respecting an increase  
of the number of ~~stated~~ exercises.

Gordon Sec.

Jan 6. 1808.

This evening for the first time the reverend  
H. Moore met with the Society. Rev. Mr.  
Barnard & <sup>Rev.</sup> Mr. Bradford likewise  
attended; also J. French equine. Parker  
was absent. Mr. Emerson retired for the pur-  
pose of introducing the Wallaces and Tho:  
Dean. Blough then asked leave to report

the bill of secrets, which he, as one of the committee, for that purpose appointed, had prepared; but the Wallaces being at this time introduced, and D<sup>r</sup>. Curtis being also ready for introduction, the consideration was postponed. After initiating the new members, we proceeded to the exercises.

The question, "Is novel reading detrimental to society" was discussed by Clough in the affirmative, and Emerson in the negative; and decided in the negative by the president. French volunteered a declamation. Gordon was excused for non performance in composition.

Voted, that Clam have leave to withdraw his former resignation, and that the following be accepted in substitution:...

"Jan'y 6. 1803

"To the President of the Franklin Society.

"Through you, Sir, I beg leave to offer a resignation of membership. Circumstances, which it is unnecessary to mention, prevent me from devoting the attention, necessarily due to your ~~interest~~, but from

wishing

~~institutions~~ Society. I leave you with regret, and  
utter a prayer, that you may flourish like  
"the green bay tree".

"I am, Sir,

"Respectfully,

"your humble servant"

"E. E. Blam"

Voted, that the president be requested to  
deliver his address.

Voted, that the consideration of Blough's re-  
port be over to next meeting.

Voted, that the last apportionment be appro-  
priated to the purchase of books for the  
library.

Gordon Sec.

Jan 20. 1808.

Attended, this evening, of honorary mem-  
bers only Capt. Prior, and F. Funch as usual.  
Wallace 2<sup>d</sup> was absent; Parker and Read tardy.

The question, this evening agitated, was,  
"Whether it were better to deduce the motive  
of action from the hope of reward, or  
from the fear of punishment;" which  
was decided by vice president Parker in  
favor of the first proposition.

Moved to accept the report by Blough and

Parker; which was, as follows.

"Resolved, that, in addition to the rules  
"and regulations, which require all nomina-  
"tions to be kept secret: -

"No discussions, or votes, respecting the  
"Character, or admission of any candidate,  
"and no criticisms, or personal observations  
"be divulged."

"Voted, that the thanks of the Society be  
"presented to Charles H. Atherton Esquire  
"for his ingenious and appropriate ad-  
"dress; and that a copy be requested of him,  
"to be kept on file by the Secretary." Emer.  
"son was appointed committee to wait  
"on the President."

This evening Emerson and Gordon made  
the following report, which was accepted.  
"Resolved, that each member, to whom no  
"exercise is allotted, shall perform in such  
"one of the exercises, as he shall choose, at  
"each stated meeting of the Society; and  
"that delinquency be fined according to  
"sections, eighth, ninth, and tenth, of article  
"fourth of the Laws."

"Resolved, that three members in rotation  
"shall at every meeting propose subjects for  
"three extemporaneous disputations; out  
"of which selection shall be made by  
"those, who have to perform at <sup>subsequent</sup> the next  
"meetings"

Wm. J. Gordon

Mr. John Nichols was put on the lists of  
nominations for probationary mem-  
bership. Swan was fined for non per-  
formance.

Wm. J. Gordon

Feb 3. 1808.

Agreeably to the late resolve, the ques-  
tions, proposed for the subjects of extem-  
poraneous disputations, were read, after  
the opening of the meeting. On this even-  
ing too the new regulation, requiring every  
immediate member to perform, came into  
operation. Agreeably to which, every mem-  
ber, who attended, came prepared  
with an exercise; & contrary to the  
expectations of some, the meeting, instead of

being protracted to an unreasonable length  
was adjourned at a very reasonable  
hour. Clough in the affirmative of Swan in  
the negative agitated this question; "Are  
"richer more conducive to the morals  
"of men, than poverty?" Capt. D. M. G. Meares,  
President pro tem. decided affirma-  
tively. Usual adjournment.

Gordon Decs.

Feb. 17. 1808

Our honorary members, the President, the  
reverend J. Barnard, Capt T. Meares, and David  
Holmes, were attended this evening. After the  
meeting was opened, Mr. Holmes was called upon  
to report on committee of proceedings. He then  
fore begged leave to introduce Jacob Holmes to  
the Society. After proceeding some way with the  
exercise, they were postponed for the purpose of  
initiating Holmes; who had in the mean time  
come in. They were again resumed. Every mem-  
ber was prepared this evening with an exer-  
cise; and the improvement, observable in most  
was highly gratifying.



The question, "Whether common schools  
ought to be supported at public expense?"  
was discussed by Emerson in the affirma-  
tive and Read in the negative. President  
Atherton gave an affirmative decision.

Likewise: "Whether the genius, which would  
enable a man to excel in one of the learned  
professions, would not also enable him to excel in  
either of the others," was agitated by Abbot & Hill.  
The president stated, that the nature of the  
question did not admit a positive decision;  
but, pursuing what he believed to be the spirit  
of the question, seemed inclined to the  
affirmative.

Voted that Mr. Bradford be requested  
to deliver an address before the society at  
their next quarterly meeting. Voted, that  
Tudor be committed to inform him of the  
appointments.

Voted read Mr. Bradford of Transcendentalism  
on the nomination list of honorary members;  
Lucy H. at home on that of immediate.

After calling bill, &c. the meeting was ad-  
journed by vote, to the usual time.

Wm. Gordon Sears.

March 2. 1808

At this meeting there was little else to do, than to attend to the exercises, which were, generally, performed with spirit and skill. Emerson was chosen to found Hartshorn and Nichol, who were this evening elected probationary members of the Franklin Society. Declamation was assigned as the exercise of these two gentlemen. Clough and Abbot were chosen committee to settle with the Secretary.

Wm. J. Gordon Sec.

March 16. 1808.

The Society met this evening by special adjournment at seven o'clock. Mr. Emerson had leave to retire, in order to introduce Hartshorn. In his absence Mr. Bradford's letter to the President was read, stating his inability to attend the meeting. It was then voted, that Judor inform Mr. Bradford of our request to hear his address at the next regular meeting. Hartshorn was now introduced; and afterwards, by vote, initiated.

The Library Committee made the following report:

"The Committee to inspect the Library, &c. beg leave to make the following

"Report:

"We find by the Catalogue of Books at the beginning of the last quarter 112 Volumes, values as per account of the Librarian, at 179. 11  
"Also Pamphlets and unbound Collections, valued at the date of this Report at 33. 31  
"During the last quarter the Purchasing Committee have bought 36 Volumes, worth 65. 51  
"And 1. Volumes by way of donations have been received into the Library, valued at 3. 75

"The Library now contains 152 Volumes besides Pamphlets, &c. the total value of which is \$ 281. 51

"Books have been purchased by the Committee to the amount of \$ 200. 72. The Donations are estimated at \$ 80. 89.

"It is found by examination, that "Belknap's History of New Hampshire" and "Cowper's Poems", for which there has been a subscription, are not yet received into the Library.

"Your Committee consider the Rules and Regulations for the Library deficient in this, that it is not made a specified duty of the Librarian to receipt the Society, or a Committee, chosen for that purpose, for Books, delivered him from time to time by the Society and Purchasing Committee.

"We would therefore offer for your consideration

"tion the following Resolution.

"Resolved, that it be a part of the duty of the Librarian to receipt the Purchasing Committee for all Books, &c. and to receipt the Society from time to time for Donations of Books & Pamphlets, that may be delivered to his care.

"March 16. 1805.

"Nathan H. Clough  
"Gustavus Swain."

Having heard the above Report, Voted, that the Report be accepted so far, as relates to the state of the Library; and that the Committee have our thanks for their attention to the trust, reposed in them.

The Resolue, as contained in Report, was postponed for consideration at the next meeting.

The Committee to settle with the Secretary next reported. The Report was accepted.

Next the Purchasing Committee reported.

The Committee, appointed to purchase books for the Franklin Society, beg leave to make the following Report.

"They have received of money, subscribed for the Library, \$ 162.

"Initiatory payments of eight members . . . 8.

"The last quarterly assessments . . . 13.

"Red. publishing on the sale of Mr. Everett's "Rights & Duties of Voters &c." for the benefit of the Library

"Making in the whole

3.27  
187.27

"Of which sum 121.19 cents were expended for books,  
"as per account, rendered to the Library Committee,  
"at the last quarterly meeting

121.19

"Since which have been purchased  
"books to the amount 63.8, as by the Librarian's  
"receipt, annexed, will more particu-  
"larly appear

63.8

\$ 187.27

"All which is respectfully sub-  
"mitted

"March 16. 1808.

"Caleb Emerson  
"Joseph Bunting  
"William Gordon."

The Librarian in his Report acknowledged  
the receipt of 36 Volumes, valued at \$63.08

The particulars of this Report and of the Re-  
port of the Committee to settle with Secretary  
are not given here, because they will  
appear, fully enough, elsewhere.

The Librarian stated the receipt of 09.37½  
in fines, and the expenditure of D - 1.  
for book binding. The succeeding Sec-  
etary was directed to pay him the sum -

plus . . . 1.62½

The Officers for the ensuing term are,

E. H. Atherton	President,
J. B.ushing	Vice Pres.,
J. Hill	Secretary
W. Gordon	Censors
W. K. Blough	
C. Emerson	Librarian

E. H. Atherton	} Library Committee
J. B.ushing	
L. P. Bradford	

The Society then requested by vote the  
 request of Barnard, who was present,  
 to deliver an address at the next quar-  
 terly meeting.

Moved & agreed, that at each quar-  
 terly meeting some member be appointed  
 to deliver lectures the ensuing term, on  
 such subjects, as the Society shall name.

Moved, that Chemistry be agreed on  
 the ensuing term;

.. that D<sup>r</sup> Shalding deliver them;

.. and that Gordon inform him  
 of the vote of the Society

Brother Betchelder, by request, had his connections with the Franklin Society dissolved.

The meeting was adjourned to eight o'clock.

William Gordon, Secy.

March 30, 1808.

The question for discussion this evening was, "Whether intercourse with foreign nations be favorable to morals?" I Wallau, in support of the affirmative, defined morals, according to Entick, Johnson, &c. as indefinite without a qualifying adjective preceding. He averred that foreign influence was conducive to public morals. I Wallau, (negative) gave, on authority of Penny, a different explanation to the word morals; and said that intercourse with foreign nations was always followed by <sup>their</sup> corruption. In proof, he cited the taking of Athens by Sparta, and their acquiring thereby abundance of treasures and luxuries - the procuring cause of universal depravity in the morals of that nation. Rev. Bradford, whose duty it was to decide this question, said, viewing things from the commencement of time, foreign intercourse had conducted to the prevalence of good morals, as transmitting the inventions and discoveries in arts and the economy of life from age to age and nation to nation. In some instances where the morals of one nation were con-

rupt, intercourse with another was attend-  
ed with the introduction of similar propen-  
sities; but this was not always the case,  
as good morals in one would have an  
opposite effect in the other.

The address delivered by Rev. Bradford  
to the Society was replete with useful in-  
struction to the active members. A course  
of conduct was recommended, which, if  
followed, the Secretary hesitates not to say,  
will be attended by the most beneficial  
consequences. Indefatigable perseverance  
and unremitting vigilance in the differ-  
ent duties, aided by the peculiar advantages  
of the institution, cannot fail of ensuring  
that eminence, which is the best reward  
and incentive to industry.

The allotted compositions were not ex-  
hibited this evening, Clough and Parker,  
the performers, being absent. A poetical  
piece was voluntarily expounded by Emerson.  
The other voluntaries (all declamations) were  
performed, with the exceptions of French  
and Hartshorn, the latter of whom was  
excused on account of want of infor-  
mation in the respective duties, being  
a newly initiated member.

An motion of Gordon, at the request of  
Tudor, voted that the connexion of the latter  
with this Society cease.



Voted, That Emerson be assisted to the  
Committee, formerly consisting exclusively  
of Gordon, to review the request to Boston  
Spaulding concerning a course of Lectures  
on Chemistry

Voted to insert the name of Joshua Ath-  
erton, Esquire, as a candidate for honorary  
membership

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be  
presented to Mr. Bradford, for his address,  
equally distinguished for pure thought and correct language,  
and that a copy be requested.

Hill, Secy.

April 13, 1808

The question, discussed this evening, was—  
"Does climate influence the intellect?"  
Though, in support of the affirmative, ob-  
served, that in proportion as climate  
affects the corporeal system, it either  
strengthens or debilitates the mental powers.  
Experience will demonstrate, that pairs  
subsensive to improvement of the mind.  
The torrid and frigid zones, from the  
extreme heat of the one and cold of  
the other, are uncaugerial to the growth  
of intellect! Thus, while the inhabitants of  
neither of those climates, have ever pro-  
duced a great man, the northern tem-  
perate has exhibited an Alexander, a  
Bonaparte, and a Washington in the  
field, a Seneca, and a Cuvier in  
the forum, a Lycurgus and a Solon

in council; parallels to whom cannot be found in any other quarter of the globe. In proof of difference of intellect, he said the salubrious climate of France produces a people sprightly and vigorous - while the damp sea-climate of Britain shows a people cold and phlegmatic; and the low countries of Holland plodding and patient and avaricious - submitting to the most severe hardships for the sake of gain. He stated that nearly all improvements in arts and sciences have been made in temperate climates; called the East Indians as being incapable of extraordinary exertions of mental powers; and concluded by observing that from these and many other considerations, it was apparent in his mind that climate did materially affect the intellect.

Parker, negative, averred that the temperate zone was no proper criterion for deciding this question; but by comparing the two extremes, we should be enabled to form a more accurate judgment. Not being acquainted with inhabitants of other climates, and <sup>having</sup> no records of their annals\*, we are incapable of deciding whether they have had great men or not. It was, he said a question beyond dispute that

\* I never said so. Parker

Iceland had produced poets - Arabia, great literary characters and orators. Ethiopia, great men in the field. He observed, that other nations not having been stimulated to action by the same causes, have not had the same opportunity for distinguishing themselves; that northern climates had produced a Gustavus, a Catharine, Peter and a Lymanus - Southern, Younan, Miranda, &c. - a proof that the faculties are the same in all climates.

President (Barnard) observed, in deciding this question, that difference of the mental powers was not so much to be ascribed to difference of climate, as to other causes; among which was the want of opportunity to stimulate to action, and the combination of causes to produce civilization. He said, heroes were found to be wanting in all the intellectual powers; and decided, that climate does influence the intellect.

Contributors - Emerson, Hill

Dalrymple, Swan, Emerson, Abbot, Gordon, French, Wallace, Holmes, Hartshorn

Parker excused for nonattendance last meeting on account of urgent business, though in town.

Joshua Shertou, esq. elected an honorary member.

Setjourned to 7 o'clock, P.M. Wednesday 27th inst

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"Has money, all things considered, been productive of benefit to mankind?" A Wallan, affirmative, supported, that the evidence that money is advantageous, is apparent from its having existed as a medium of circulation from the earliest ages; - that it was an object necessary to the convenience of man, inasmuch as commerce could not exist without it - travellers to distant countries would have to subsist on charity, as it would be inconvenient to carry the heavy luggage competent for their support, or any other equivalent whereby that support might be produced. - Clough, negative, allowed that money had produced its advantages, but averred, that the disadvantages thereby produced greatly overbalanced; - that one of the best Spartan laws of Lycurgus was the imposing a heavy metal as a circulating medium, and thereby annihilating commerce; which he deprecated as the cause of the corruption of morals and much unhappiness to society; that money was the sole cause of speculation, and an encouragement to idleness; that it was destitute of intrinsic value, the "root of all evil," the cause of robberies, and of corruption from the highest to the lowest grades of life. - Rev. Barnard (L. M.) said, money was absolutely necessary; and that its many advantages, when brought in competition with its disadvantages

decidedly preponderated. — Emerson, said, anything  
producing much good, must be attended by pro-  
portionate evil; that whatever is the cause of  
activity, is beneficial — and nothing is a better  
incentive to action than money. Cushing (Pres.)  
in deciding, said this question depended on others,  
viz. the utility of commerce and of civilization;  
both which being conclusive, it was decided in  
the affirmative.

"Is an oath, extorted by violence, obligatory?"  
Pardon aff. Till neg. — The extreme solemnity  
of an appeal to heaven, and of its interference  
with the conscience were the principal argu-  
ments adduced in support of the affirmative.  
It was said, that, of the evils of breaking, or  
consequence of taking, an oath, the latter was to  
be chosen, as comporting best with the dictates  
of both natural and revealed religion. —

The negative was supported on the ground  
that violence was founded in injustice, and  
that any thing unjust could not be obliga-  
tory. Cushing, Pres. decided, negative

Compromis. — Sworn. Abol.

Declarimors. Emerson, French & Wallaw, Holmes  
Hartshorn

The first of a course of lectures on Chemistry was  
read in the Society this evening, in which a con-  
cise and perspicuous view of its utility and the  
advantages to be derived from its study was taken,  
a contrast made between its present and former  
advantages, &c.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented

Dr. Spaulding for his ingenious Lecture, and  
that a copy be requested for the records.

Rev Eben<sup>r</sup> Hill, of Marion, was elected honorary,  
and James Porter immediate member.

A. Wallace fined twelve and a half cents for tar-  
diness this evening.

Voted, to adjourn to 7 P.M. Wednesday, May 11,  
next.

E. Hill, Secy

May 11, 1808.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

The question discussed this evening is "Do the man-  
ners of the present times tend to the degeneracy of  
mankind?"— Clough, (aff) said good or bad  
manners prompted to their correspondent good  
or bad deeds; that a simple state of civiliza-  
tion, where there was no thirst for superiority  
in riches or distinction, was most conducive  
to virtue, to sociability to contentedness; that  
a higher state was conducive to virtue, as  
was a thirst for luxury, and her concom-  
itant train. He said, that quality which is  
generally denominated refinement, is in-  
consistent with any virtuous principles;  
that it was the procuring cause of fraud  
of gaming, and all the fashionable vices  
extant: Those possessed of it look toward  
their inferiors with haughtiness and pride,  
which are reverberated by a spirit of envy  
and contumacious hatred from the lower  
unrefined

laps. He said, a simple state comported with that of our forefathers; but that the present was a refined state of life, and therefore disagreed with the improvement of mankind, but tended decidedly to their degeneracy.

Swan (neg) supported his part of the question, by saying that the question could not be correctly decided by looking back a few years or even centuries; but we must look into the first ages of the world, and compare the manners of those times with the present. He contrasted their various barbarous habits, with the more refined habits of the present day; and concluded from these and other reasons, mankind were progressive in improvement. Clough said the adding the first with the latest ages, in contrast, for decision, was not correct, as dark ages often succeeded ages of light, sometimes lasting for centuries, instances of which he brought forward, which <sup>he said</sup> were caused by corruption of manners by refinement. — Emerson (Pres. pro tem) said there were three stages or grades by which mankind were distinguished: — first, the savage state, producing many of the virtues to a degree not to be found in any other state, as friendship; second, a barbarous state, some of whose manners are even worse than a savage state, although a step further advanced towards refinement; third, a civilized state, which, though to be preferred to any other, still has its disadvantages. Mankind, being in every state natural to evil propensities, of course he may be said to degenerate.

Composuits. Emerson, Hill (voluntary)  
Declamations. French, Abbot: Gordon (Latin)  
Holmes, Hartshorn.

The following resolutions were submitted  
and postponed for further consideration next  
meeting: -

"Resolved, that any immediate or proba-  
tionary member, on showing sufficient cause,  
may obtain leave of absence from the society."

"Resolved, that when any such member in  
like manner or otherwise shall have been absent  
three successive meetings, all his rights and  
privileges, as a member shall be suspended  
till his return to the society."

On request of Herman Abbot, his connex-  
ions with the S. S. were dissolved

~~Adjourned to 7, P. M. Wednesday, 25th~~  
~~May, 1808.~~

Hill, Secy

May 25, 1808.

This night being very rainy, few members  
attended. The compositions of Emerson and  
Hill were read, and Emerson declaimed.  
The remaining exercises were dispensed with.  
Parker was excused for tardiness.

Adjourned to 7, P. M. Wednesday, June 8.

Hill, Secy



June 8, 1808.

The question was, "Does the increasing our knowledge increase our happiness?" — Wallace said but little in support of the affirmative of this proposition: Indeed, he said the question in itself was so evident, that it needed no elucidation; for it was apparent that well informed communities are happier than those of an opposite cast; and that the satisfaction derived by individuals, was greater than the pain incurred, by its acquisition. — Emerson contended that knowledge was productive of bad effects: The consequence of the desire in our first parents of a knowledge of the tree of good and evil, by which sin and death were introduced into the world, we all see and experience, much to our regret and sorrow. On a retrospective view of the past ages of the world, we find that unhappiness has increased in proportion to the increase of knowledge; <sup>and</sup> that the evils of bad men have been commensurate with the extent of their knowledge. He said that the people of ancient Rome, renowned for knowledge, were addicted to every species of vice, which reduced them finally below their conquerors, the barbarians. Cushing President, decided, that a nation was more happy in consequence of an increase of knowledge; but that individuals possessed greater enjoyments in an ignorant state.

Compositions. A Wallcut, Emerson (vol.)  
Declamations. Gordon, Read, Keil and Hartshorn

Apr. Read and Wallcut were appointed a committee to settle with the Secretary, and report at the ensuing quarterly meeting.

Apr. Emerson, Parker and Gordon were appointed a committee to report the next quarterly meeting such alterations and amendments of the Constitution of the Society as they think proper.

Voted, that the Librarian procure one hundred printed copies of a catalogue of the books of the Library previous to the expiration of the ensuing term; and that he procure the binding of such books as he may deem necessary.

Voted, to enter the names of Joshua Holt and Allen Turk, as candidates for <sup>probati</sup> ~~probati~~ honorary membership.

J. Hill, Secy

Quarterly Meeting, June 14, 1808.

On the request of Dr. John Wallcut, voted that his connections with the Society be dissolved.

The Secretary's Account, reported by Read (one of the Committee for settling with the Secretary) was accepted by vote of the Society; by which it appears that the amount

received by him the last quarter is eight-  
teen dollars and sixty-two and a half cents,  
of which, after deducting expenses, the re-  
mains in the hands of the Secretary four-  
teen dollars twenty-five cents.

The Librarian reported (the Library) Com-  
mittee whose duty it is, not having attended  
to their appointment) that the Library  
had been augmented by various dona-  
tions to the value of nineteen dollars thirty  
six cents - making the total value connected  
with the report of the committee at the  
last quarterly meeting) three hundred dol-  
lars ninety-seven cents.

The committee appointed to report the  
expediency of amending the rules and reg-  
ulations, submitted a report, [for which see  
file of reports] which is proposed to be discus-  
sed and acted upon the ensuing quarterly  
meeting.

The following officers were chosen for the  
ensuing term, viz.

Eschraim L. Bradford,	President.
Caleb Emerson,	Vice President
William Gordon,	First Censor
Samuel Parker,	Second Censor
Robert Peck,	Secretary
Justus Swan,	Librarian
Charles H. Merton,	Library Committee
Joseph Curking,	
Nathan B. Blagb,	

Voted, That the Secretary elect inform officers elect about of their respective appointments.

Voted, That Dr. Spalding be appointed to continue his course of Lectures on Chemistry, and that Parker and Gordon be a committee to inform him of the appointment.

Voted That the Secretary elect procure the Hall in which meetings are held cleaned previous to next meeting.

Voted, That Emerson be a committee to wait on Bro. Jeremiah Barvard, and enquire when it will be convenient for him to deliver his address, appointed for the present evening.

Voted That the Bro. Humphreys Moore deliver the next quarterly address; and that the Secretary inform him of the appointment.

Voted, to excuse Clough for absence last meeting, on assurances of better attention.

Voted to excuse Read for two absences, on account of indisposition.

J. Bell, Secy

June 22. 1808

The meeting was opened by calling the ~~members~~  
overs, though Holmes were absent.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Eben<sup>d</sup> Hill of Mason was introduced by  
Brother Hill. The laws were read by the  
Secretary, on request of Rev<sup>d</sup> Hill -

The exercises then commenced with a declama-  
tion, by Swain. An extemporaneous dispute  
was agitated by Walcutt & Parker on the  
question, "Is an Election, preferable to an Heredi-  
tary monarchy?" The Honorary members

Atteston & Hill stood on the question:  
after which vice President Emerson decided the  
question in the negative. Compositions of Hill  
Gordon & Emerson were read. A lengthy and  
entertaining discourse ~~was~~ <sup>discussed</sup> on the question

"Has the reestablishment of Arts & Sciences con-  
tributed to the improvement of Morals?"

The question was decided in the affirmative.

Parker in the negative Gordon, affirmative agitated  
the question. The other exercises were  
postponed on motion of Gordon - voted to in-  
sert the name of James Perkins on the nomi-  
nations list of immediate members. The bill  
was called Swain was fined 25 cts. Francis  
was fined 1 1/2 cts

Wm. Peck. Secy

July 6. 1808

Voted that James Perkins be an immediate member. Gordon introduced Perkins to the society, the initiatory address was read, by vice President Emerson, the rules & regulations, by the Secretary. The exercises began with reading the compositions of Hill & Swen, Emerson, Parker, Reed, Lunt, Walcott & Ketchum declaimed. Gordon & Blough's disputation was not a stated, Blough being absent. Joshua Holt, and Men Fish were elected probationary members. Voted that the probationary members, each alternately perform, in composition & declamation. Voted that Mr Blough notify Fish & Holt of their election to the society.

Robt Reed Secy

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1808

Mr Blough a committee to extend invitations to Holt & Fish, reported that they accepted the invitation; accordingly they were introduced to the society and initiated, by vice President Emerson, probationary members.

Rev Mr Barnard favoured the society, with an address. Voted that the Society express their acknowledgements to Rev Mr Barnard, for the favor done them, and request a copy of the address, the reading of which, at this time, has afforded so much pleasure. Voted that the exercises be postponed to next meeting. Voted that the names of David Lomb, Eben Taylor & Putnam Barron be put on the nomination list, for probationary membership. Voted that Mr Blough be excused for absence 22<sup>nd</sup> June last, that he be fined 25/100 for being

absent. the last meeting - voted to have a special  
meeting next Wednesday, accordingly our Presidents  
Emerson adjourned to Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock P.M.

Rob<sup>t</sup> Read Secy

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1808

President nor our President being present  
brother Parker by vote took the chair, the meeting  
was opened as usual. Provided the evening, the mem-  
bers performed their allotted exercises except Read,  
who since ~~read~~ 25/100 for not writing composition  
The Question "Do men act but from selfish motives" was  
agitated between Clough & Holt, and decided that men  
do not always act from selfish motives. by Bro. Parker

Adjourned to Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rob<sup>t</sup> Read Secy

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1808

The question discussed this evening  
was "Ought men to be compelled to support religion"  
Clough adjudicated in the affirmative, Read in the  
negative; our President Emerson decided the question  
in the affirmative. The compositions of Emerson & Holt  
were read, by Benson Gordon; the other members de-  
clined, seven French excepted: accordingly they were  
bined 25/100 each. The society proceeded to ballot

for Eben. Taylor, David Leomb & Putnam Barrow  
who were elected, probationary members. Voted Gordon  
should inform them of their election, and invite them  
to membership. The bill was called, Emerson excused  
for absence the last meeting

Voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock P.M.

Robt. Pease Secy

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1808 - Met at 7 o'clock according to  
adjournment. The President in the Chair -  
The regular exercises were had. Voted to fine  
Wm Gordon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents for tardiness - Voted to ad-  
journ to 7 o'clock

W. C. Parker Secy pro. Tem.

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1808

The regular exercises were had.  
Eben. Taylor & David Leomb. were initiated  
probationary members. Pease was fined  
twenty five cents. Swen was excused  
for nonperformance. Voted that  
the secretary inform the Honorary  
members that the Constitution will  
be revised the next quarterly meeting.

Robt. Pease Secy



Sep. 14. 1809.

Mr. Bradford presided at this meeting, which took place at the usual time. After the performances, which were generally handsome & spirited, & concerning which the question, "Does continual peace contribute more to the prosperity of a nation, than peace & war alternately - supported in the affirmative by Gordon, in the negative by Blough, was decided affirmatively by Messrs. Bradford, Parker & Gordon were chosen committee to settle with the Secretary. Parker, Read, & Swan were absent. Gordon, Deh. Secy.

Sep. 21. 1800. This being a quarterly meeting, and one, at which some amendments of the Constitution were expected to take place; the interest, which brothers take in the welfare of the institution, was displayed by a very general attendance. President Bradford in the chair, we proceed to a vote to hear the Address of Mr. <sup>subject</sup> ~~object~~ Moor. This, embracing in its <sup>subject</sup> object two of the leading pursuits of our infant association, was peculiarly interesting and important; and in its execution, we are happy to say, was comprehensive, fertile, and nervous. Gordon then moved, that "the orator receive our thanks for his address, correct and sound in matter, elegant and original in manner"; which

passing by a unanimous vote, a like vote was had,  
requesting a copy.

The next business of the society was, the reports  
of the several committees. They reported to our ac-  
ceptance, except in the library committee, which,  
for reasons unknown, was unable to display any  
considerable progress in the office assigned. Mr. Em-  
erson however was enabled to state, that the  
library contained two hundred volumes! He  
then moved, after all necessary information on  
the subject, that "the purchasing committee pur-  
chase the necessary books to supply the regular series  
of the Polyanthos and the Monthly Review.

After the amendment of the constitution, which  
I omit for the present; the following choice of  
officers took place. Atherton, President; Blough,  
Vice President; Gordon, Secretary; Gordon, first  
Censor; Parker, second Censor; Wallace, Librarian;  
Atherton, Parker, and Blough, Library Committee.

Rev. Dr. Hill was chosen orator for the quarterly  
meeting, and Dr. Spalding continued Lecturer on Chrym-  
istry.

Parker, Atherton, and Bushing were chosen  
committee to consider and report the expediency  
of applying for an act of incorporation.

French had leave of absence under the new  
establishment. The secretary was directed to inform  
absent officers, assignees, and so forth of their several  
appointments. Dr. Rogers Smith was nominated for  
hon. mem. Eugene Hutchinson for immediate

The amendments were to the following effect.

The censors have power to detain compositions "a fortnight"; but are not any longer officially required to "read" them; nor are they longer a standing "revising committee." (Art. 1. § 3.) - The Secretary, in addition to former offices, is to "receive all payments or donations of money or of books, and to purchase books under direction of the Library Committee." (§. 4)

#### Art. 2.

The doctrine of secrecy is discarded, every immediate member having now the right to nominate. Candidates are not eligible until the next regular meeting after nomination. (§. 1.) - One ballot is conclusive; and two thirds of the immediate members, those excepted, absent by permission under a future article, are able to make an election, provided there be not as many, as two negative votes. (§. 2.) - Here again secrecy is discarded. Members are to be "informed" of their election; and, if they accept, are to be introduced to the society. (§. 3.) - Probationary members may, at several times, acquire new privileges, and assume new duties, by vote; and also, by vote, become immediate members. (§. 5.) - Section seventh being expunged; now, "Any immediate member may be admitted to honorary membership, by ballot, as in case provided by §. 2. of Art. 2. and such member, without further payment, shall be entitled to the use of the Library." (§. 7.) - Added; "Any member, having paid his dues, may have his connexions with the Society dissolved." (§. 8.)

#### Art. 3.

The fine for tardiness is stated at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents. (§. 6.) - The word "state" is omitted before "meeting." (§. 7.) - Sections

ninth and tenths added, making the old tenth the  
twelfth section. "Any immediate member, showing  
"just cause, may obtain leave of absence indefi-  
"nitely; during which absence his privileges shall  
"be suspended. (S. 10.) - "Any probationary member  
"may, as above provided, may obtain leave of ab-  
"sence for a term not exceeding six months; and,  
"should he not return to the society at the ex-  
"piration of said term, his connexions shall  
"cease of course. They shall also cease on an ab-  
"sence of three months without leave. (S. 11.)

Art. 5.

The library is open to borrowers "during  
"one half hour, preceding the time of calling the  
"members at every stated meeting." (S. 3.) - "Books  
"may be retained a month, pamphlets a fort-  
"night. (S. 6.) - Added; "It shall be the duty of the  
"Library Committee, to attend at the last stated meet-  
"ing of each term, to decide appeals. (S. 10.)

The second General Provision is so altered,  
as to leave the power of discussing any amend-  
ment on its first proposition.

Gordon, Secy.

Oct. 5. -  
President Aberton, though, Gordon, Hill, Ben-  
kins, and Taylor, being present!! proceed to post-  
pone the exercises till next meeting, to dis-  
solve Perkins' connexions according to re-  
quest, and to adjourn the meeting.

Gordon Secy.

Donations et cetera to the  
Franklin Society.

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C. A. Atherton	\$ 15..	
F. French	15..	
S. Bushing	12..	
M. Spalding	10..	
E. Parker	10..	
J. Holmes	10..	
D. Prior	10..	
S. Curtis	10..	
W. Read	10..	
J. Means	10..	
D. W. Means	10..	
R. Read	10..	
E. P. Bradford	6..	
C. Emerson	6	
G. Swan	6	
W. H. Adow	6	
A. H. Blough	5	
J. Hill	2	\$1,63..00

Joseph Cushing;

Panoptist; 27 Nos	\$ 5 <sup>00</sup>
Emerald; 60 "	3 <sup>00</sup>
Polyanthos; (not complete)	8 <sup>00</sup>
Literary Miscellany, Nos 1, 2, 3, Vol. 1.	2 <sup>00</sup>
Humphreys Works;	2 <sup>00</sup>
Mag. Trav. Magazine; 2 Nos	2 <sup>00</sup>
Cowper's Poems; 3 vol.	5 <sup>00</sup>
Miseries of Human Life;	1 <sup>00</sup>
Also, all periodical publica- tions which he shall re- ceive in exchange for the Cabinet :	"more, or less"
making	\$ 28 <sup>00</sup>
	"more, or less"

Isaac Hill;

Pope's Homer's Iliad	\$ 2 <sup>00</sup>
Monthly Anthology for 1805	4 <sup>00</sup>
Do. for 1806	4 <sup>00</sup>
	<u>10<sup>00</sup></u>

Gustavus Swan,

Forster's Essays	1 <sup>00</sup> 12 <sup>1/2</sup>
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Caleb Mason;

Monthly Register for 1807	6 <sup>00</sup>
D <sup>o</sup> . 6. first Nos	3 <sup>00</sup>
Monthly Anthology, Vol. 1. Nos 13 ex.	3 <sup>00</sup> 25
Shipwreck, 50 ars; Life of Howard, 63	1 <sup>00</sup> 13
	<u>13<sup>00</sup> 38</u>

William Gordon;

Knox's Essays; 2 vol.	2.25
Literary Miscellany; 2 <sup>o</sup> v.	2.00
Lectures on Human Understanding;	3.00
Hendling;	
Bablen; 2 vols	2.20
Salmagundi	2.50
Citizens of the World	1.75
	<hr/> 13.70

Edmund Parker;

Belknap's New Hampshire — 5.00

- C. Parker,
- J. Burking,
- C. Emerson,
- G. Swan,
- S. Hill,
- D. Holmes

our Book Case; pret. 12.00

Oct. 19.

This meeting was attended by all probationers, by the Pres. and by three immediates, not a quorum for the second evening in succession! The probationary members all of them performed in declamation. Hill read a com. & declaimed, Gordon read two com. and Clough one. After the exercises Jos. Manning and John Farley were nominated for immediate membership. Parker, Swan, Emerson, Reed, and Wallcut were absent. For next meeting, Clough, Gordon, and Parker being in question; Clough and Parker ex-tempore; Hill and Reed compose; Gordon and Wallcut declaim.

No. 2. - After the performances in composition by the probationers, which were very good, and other exercises by the immediate members; Clough proceeded to argue on the affirmative of the question, "Dought the children of State Criminals to be excluded from places of profit and trust, on account of the crimes of their fathers?" After an able discussion on both sides, Pres. S. Hill pro tem. decided in the negative, advocated by Parker.

Emerson's absence excused, he had leave of absence indefinitely.

Manning, Farley, and Hutchinson were unanimously elected immediate members; the two former to be sounded by Gordon, the latter by Wallace. The name of Roger Smith was withdrawn from the list of nominations.

Gordon was directed to present the thanks of the Society to Directors and Cashiers of the Bank, for use of the Hall &c.



Gordon excused for tardiness this evening; Parker  
fined for absence the night before meeting, fined for  
that before squirrel hunt; the game of Wallace  
in both instances.

Mr. West's literary curiosity was accepted,  
as a reliable and rare pursuit, by the Society.

Hartshorn and Fiske were admitted im-  
mediate members.

Chairman of the committee, to procure  
a room for the meetings, gave notice that next  
meeting will be held at the new house of  
Mrs. Watson.

Wallace and Hill extemporized next night; Read  
and Gordon composed; the rest declaimed.  
Gordon, Secs.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

The question, "Has taste a standard in nature?" was  
discussed, in few words, by Hill in the affirmative, and  
Wallace in the negative. V. P. Blough gave judgment in  
the affirmative. During a postponement of exercises for  
the purpose, Gordon introduced and the Society  
initiated a new member, Manning. Gordon was  
permitted to submit, in place of a composition, a de-  
clamation; which closed the exercises.

Read and Bott rec<sup>d</sup>. leave of absence indefinitely.

No honorary members attended. Parker was absent.  
Gordon, Secs.

Nov. 30. Swann opened the exercises with the life and death  
of poor Troy, from *Paradise Lost*. This was given us in a spir-  
ited style, and was the ~~consequence~~ prelude of a series of  
good performances in writing by Fisk, Taylor, & Seomb.  
Then came before the society for discussion the ques-  
tion, "Is the infliction of bodily torture, as whip-  
ping, &c. for any crime, justifiable?" Submitted  
by Hill, supported by Blough, and denied by  
Gordon. The debate was warm. At length, the so-  
ciety, in the plenitude of appellate jurisdiction,  
paramount the laws of this and of other coun-  
tries, decided the inexpediency of such punish-  
ments, and substituted therefor, fines, and  
imprisonment. James Roby, V. and James Wil-  
kin came this evening in nomination.  
Parker and Hill were absent; the latter how-  
ever submitting an exercise in composition.

Gordon, Secy.

Dec. 16. This meeting was favoured with the presence of  
the President and the attendance of all the *Young Men's* members.  
The exercises proceeded in usual form, varying little from  
their ordinary rank in point of ~~excellence~~. The princi-  
pal arguments, used on the important question,  
"Ought any crime to be punished with death?"

were declared pro. and con. from scripture; Thou shalt not kill, being rebutted by, Whoso sheddeth mans blood, by man &c.

The President, after remarking upon the arguments of parties, proceeded then to the merits of the case. In the outset of this examination it is a great relief, to be able to deduce, from the word of God, a licence in certain cases to take the life of man. This licence certainly extends to the individual in ~~cases~~ of necessary self defense; and in different governments, with greater or less latitude is inserted in the laws. With what propriety he was now to consider.

Death, <sup>considered only</sup> as a punishment to the criminal, could not be justified; and would probably, in that light only, be incompatible with the mild spirit of christianity. But this is a partial view of the subject. It is not only a punishment, but is intended for a warning to the evil disposed, and a security and protection to society. In some governments this principle was carried to a great extent. In England, for instance, forging is punished with death; and the necessity, he would not say more, of this rigorous law is supposed to arise from the peculiarity of their police; from the extent of their commerce, and the amazing amount of their paper currency. It would be difficult to conceive of the evil of forging in such a government; and death is supposed to be the most effectual means of prevention. Then too the violation

of a great variety of other laws of policy, which likewise pun-  
ished with death. He dared not enumerate them, and he did  
never to mention their similitude in this country. Still  
he thought, that for higher offences death was necessary. In  
one state in the Union fine and imprisonment for life had  
been substituted, but without effect. For at least two of-  
fences therefore death seems the only suitable punish-  
ment. Murder, which supposes an inveterate malice of  
soul, that renders the malefactor a dangerous foe to the rest  
of his species; Treason, which, as it embraces the design of  
a civil war, implies also the guilt of murder to the  
most enormous extent. Were it possible to protect  
in any other way, an innocent community, he would  
never be the advocate for death; but, while other  
means prove abortive, which he found by opposing  
a case they ever must; he must submit to established  
usage, and pronounce this sentence on murderers  
and traitors.

For want of time nothing was done upon  
the nominations of the preceding evening.

Having appointed Clough and Parker  
Selling Committee, the society adjourned at 10.

Gordon Seay.

Dec. 21. - The settling committee made report to the Society, by which it appears, that our funds amount to \$28.45½.

The other reports failed, in consequence of Librarian's Absence. Then, before a silent audience, not large enough to do it sufficiently honor, the quarterly address was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Hill; a work, well worthy the recommendation of taste and judgment. The society promises itself much pleasure and advantage in the possession of a copy of this performance, which the author politely consents to furnish it.

Officers for the ensuing term.

Atthuton, Pres. Gordon, V. Pres. Hill. Sec. Parker, first, Blough, second. Lib. Parker, Libra. Gordon, Parker, Hill, Lib. Comm<sup>ee</sup> W. Atthuton. Orator for Sunday day in March; W. Bradford, appointed to deliver, in a lecture, same time, the history of some art, a science;

D<sup>r</sup>. Spalding, standing lecture on Chemistry.

Wallace was absent - James Roby G<sup>r</sup>. elected a probationer; James Wilkins, ex-member, Taylor and <sup>Lucas</sup> ~~Task~~, advanced, by vote, to the rank of immediate members. Gordon, Sec<sup>y</sup>.

January 4, 1809.

All immediate members present, with the exception of Manning. Dr. French appeared and renewed his former standing in the Society. Clough was excused for non-performance in declamation in consequence of indisposition - Swan was fined for non-performance. Gordon and Wallace declined. Parker, Seaborn, Hill, Clough and Taylor submitted compositions; ~~the first being "The Increase of Wealth tends to the Increase of Happiness" between Hill (aff.) and Seaborn (neg). The proposition was supported by alleging that wealth signified happiness; to prove which, the general inclination of man was ever bent for its attainment; that wealth enabled each individual to fulfil his desires, freed from anxiety, enabled him to educate his children and place them in a happy situation after his demise. The negative was supported by Seaborn, who said that riches could not give happiness where contentment was wanting; that the desire for gain was coextensive with the acquisition of riches; that anxiety increases with riches; that contentment in the poor man's wealth; desire the rich man's poverty. Gordon (P) admitted that the introduction of wealth into ancient Sparta was her ruin; but decided that the increase of wealth tended to the increase of happiness. - Wallace was excused for absence last meeting.~~

Hill, Secy

January 18<sup>th</sup> / 1804 -

The immediate members present, excepting Hill and Wallace, also the President, and a number of their members.

Mr. Gordon, a committee to extend invitations to Messrs James Wilkins and James Roby Jun<sup>r</sup>, reported, that these Gentlemen declined accepting.

Fisk and Gordon submitted compositions; French, Marrison & Taylor declaimed; Cough and Parker did not perform.

The question, "Is the evil excusable from which good results?" was argued; in the affirmative by Swomb, and by Swan in the Negative, and by the President decided in the Negative.

Dr. Spaulding delivered a very excellent Lecture on Colic or Heat, the appropriate definition of which, Dr. Spaulding observed, was "that it is that substance, or affection, of matter which is the cause of Fluidity in all, or the greater part of the bodies, we meet with in that State."

Vote, the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Spaulding for his ingenious & instructive Lecture, delivered this evening -

Mr. Marrison was excused for non-attendance the last meeting -

C. Parker Sec<sup>y</sup>  
pro: tem: -

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1809

On calling the members, Gordon, Hill & Wallau were absent -

Fisk & Manning declaimed - Secomb & Taylor presented compositions -

Gordon & Parker having an Oration: dis: French & Hill another, & Blough & Swann another, Gordon & Hill absent, and but few other Members present -

Voted To postpone the three Oration: for another dis: to next meeting -

Voted. As Mr Swan is engaged in a dis: to excuse him from declaiming -

Proceeded to Ballot for H. G. Otis Jr. as an immediate member, & he was elected -

Proceeded to Ballot for Saml. Abbot as an immediate member, & he was elected -

Voted Mr Manning be a Committee to extend an invitation to H. G. Otis Jr. - and Mr Blough to invite Mr Abbot -

C. Parker Secy. pro. tem.



Feb. 15, 1809.

This evening Hutchinson, F. Abbot and Otis appeared, heard the laws, and subscribed their names to the rules and regulations. Taomb, Wallace and Fisk declaimed. Hill and Manning read compositions. There were two questions discussed. "In the division of property, ought the male to possess more than the female?" Clough supported the affirmative: Parker and Hill the negative: after which, Capt. Means, an honorary member, observed that his sarcastically, that nothing either pro. or con. had been advanced. The President (Gordon) decided the question in the negative. The other question, "Ought one man to rule over another?" was ably discussed by ~~Parker~~ Gordon (aff.) and Parker (neg.) The evidence in favor of the negative being irresistible, the President pro tem. decided that no man had a right by nature to rule over another.

Mr. Bell having taken the hall over the ~~Clough~~ bank as an office, voted that Hill and ~~Parker~~ procure a room for next meeting.

March 1, 1809.

The committee appointed for the purpose having agreed with Mr. Watson for a room at twelve dollars per ann. the Society met at the hall in the north end of this house. Two questions were discussed this evening; and the members generally in their exercises exhibited marks of improvement in the different objects for which the Society was instituted. — Clough asked and obtained leave of absence indefinitely;

Messrs Bell and Barnum were entered  
on the list of nominations for immediate  
membership. Manning and Swan ap-  
pointed a committee to settle with the  
Secretary.

March 15, 1809

Hill, Wallace, Hartshorn, Swan & Otis were absent.  
Librarian made report which was accepted -  
Parker had leave of absence unconditionally at  
his own request - S. Farley appeared & read  
the rules & regulations & subscribed his name  
Chairman of Library committee for past quarter  
was <sup>excused</sup> & exonerated from the duties of the same & vote  
manuscript - C. H. Atterton Esqr Chosen President  
the ensuing quarter; Gordon Vice President, & first  
Censor; S. Abbot 2<sup>d</sup> Censor; H. Abbot Secretary;  
Manning Librarian; Mr Atterton Gordon ~~and~~  
Swan. Library Committee; Mr Barnard  
appointed to deliver an address next Day Meeting  
Dr Spaulding continued Lecturer - Times of Rev  
E. Bradford, Clough, Kirk, D'urbis Secomb, Taylor  
Hartshorn incurred under the 10<sup>th</sup> section of fifth  
article of the Rules & Regulations, were remitted.  
S. C. Fields inserted on the Schedule of nominations  
Voted - to adjourn to the usual hour, 7 o'clock

Manning, Clerk  
Specially appointed -

March 29 1809

All the immediate members except Otis were present. The nomination list was read, and it was voted to proceed to ballot for Mr Bell but in consequence of the little information we could obtain respecting him it was voted to postpone it. On the approach of Swan & Hill the vote for postponement was reconsidered.

Proceeded to ballot for Messrs Bell and Burnham and they were unanimously elected. Swan was appointed to inform them of their election; who introduced them. They were initiated in due form and subscribed their names to the rules and regulations. Voted to postpone the election of Mr Fields indefinitely. Hartshorn took his seat in the society after an absence of a considerable time by permission. Voted to postpone the exercises till the next meeting.

The report of the committee to settle with the Secretary was read and accepted. Voted that Hill have leave of absence indefinitely. Voted to excuse Hill, Swan, and Wallace for absence of last meeting; and S Abbot, Hill and Hartshorn for tardiness the present evening. Voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock

H Abbot Secretary

April 12 1809

Met according to adjournment, Otis and Bell being absent voted to postpone the exercises of the last meeting indefinitely. The Secretary read the laws as amended. Compositions were read by Swan and Hartshorn; all the rest declaimed except Burnham a new member; and Messrs Manning and Gisk who disputed on this question, 'Is pride more justifiable in a rich man than in a poor one?' Blough in the chair. After a short and unsatisfactory discussion which arose from the vague sense of the word 'pride' in the question by the parties, the vice president rose and seemed to consider the definition to be a satisfaction in one's own breast from some laudable exertion of his which has been successful; he therefore thought that the rich man had more to be proud of than the poor one; Mr Burnham thought that the poor man whose exertions were laudable and not altogether successful if content had cause for pride in that he was content with so little. Mr Blough the presiding officer when called upon for a decision declared that this was not a question that it admitted of no dispute that pride was not justifiable in any one. ~~pride~~

he considered generally as the opposite of humility, though in the common acceptation it was not always so. He observed that most people use the term without any precise or determined idea. Mr Gordon was excused for tardiness on account of a journey he made to Hitchfield and not returning in season to attend early.

Voted - to adjourn to 7 P.M.

S. Abbot Secretary

P.S. The following books were presented to the Society by S. Bell Esq. Edwards's History of the W Indies, Paley's Philosophy, William's History of Vermont, Original Essays, Goldsmith's England, Paley's Natural Theology, ~~Irish Bulls~~, Jefferson's Manual, Jefferson's notes on Virginia, View of Heresies. Valued by the Librarian at \$11.28.

Irish Bulls was presented by Swan  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1809

The immediate members except Bell, Burnham, Hutchinson Manning & Wallace & Otis were present

The question "Does the human mind take more delight in contemplating the miseries and sufferings of our fellow creatures than their pleasures" was discussed; Secomb. Aff. Taylor. Negat. After a short discussion by the parties, Swan and S Abbot offered some observations in support of the affirmative;

Swan represented the delightful emotions excited in the minds of savages when their victims were suffering extreme tortures; the champion triumphing over his vanquished foe and punishment of offenders of laws as sources of the highest pleasure. S. Abbot expressed his sentiments by stating that sympathy which we feel for others losses, sufferings and miseries was a great source of delight Farley spoke in favour of the negative and observed in a very appropriate manner that men very generally would risk their own life to extricate their friends from danger; he conceived that the affirmative could not be supported; H. Abbot in reply to S. Abbot observed that the sympathy excited in his own mind when he observed a friend suffering from misfortunes loss of near connexions &c he conceived to an emotion different from delight; that when a man kills an enemy it is more from motives of duty for the public good and as a protection which he owes himself than from any 'delight'. The Vice President (Gordon) made a very able speech in which he

stated that the examples ~~stated~~ <sup>given</sup> and conclusions drawn by the gentlemen in the affirmative were incorrect, but that a man had cause of delight over a vanquished foe which he had killed in an enthusiastic zeal; that he had always entertained a high opinion of a latin sentence 'nil humanum alienum puto'; he therefore should decided in favour of the negative. Dr Spalding gave an excellent lecture on 'Light' in which he ~~gave~~ <sup>expressed</sup> the opinion of Modern Philosophers on that subject in a very correct and able manner and frequent illustrations of its effects. After which the society voted their thanks for his attention to the society and for his ingenious lecture. Gordon and Swan came into the society unprepared to perform exercises. I Abbot's and Gailey's were postponed by vote of the society. Voted to Excuse Gailey for his absence last meeting. Voted to adjourn to 8 o'clock.

H. Abbot Secretary

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1809

Eight immediate members only out of fifteen were present. Rev. E. P. Bradford honoured the society with his attendance. The extemporaneous dispute was dispensed with, S. Abbot being absent who was one of the party to whom that exercise was allotted. After the exercises were completed a committee was appointed to request Otis to answer for his absences and inattention to the society. The Rev. E. P. Bradford was appointed to wait on him for that purpose. Messrs. Reuben Muzzey and George Kimball were put on the nomination list by vote of the society.

Mr Burnham stated to the society that Mr Joseph Bell wished to dissolve his connexions with the society if he were considered already a member; the society considered him a member as he subscribed his name though he had never heard the laws; it became necessary therefore that he appear and make excuse if any he have, <sup>for absences.</sup> voted to adjourn to the usual hour S. Abbot Secretary.



May 24<sup>th</sup> 1809

The President, Rev. P. Bradford and thirteen Immediate members met. The exercises were performed except by Gordon and Swan; the latter engaged ~~in~~ to dispute by appointment with an absent member. The question, 'Whether an agricultural people have a right to seize and appropriate to themselves lands which are occupied by wandering tribes who subsist by hunting and fishing,' was discussed by S. Abbot Aff. & Farley. Negat. Mr. Abbot contended the cultivation of land was designed by nature for the employment of man that it a debt due to the author of nature that it is a mean of rendering men civilized; ergo the good of society; and that the same quantity of land will support a larger number of inhabitants. Mr. Farley argued that the 'wandering tribes' inherited it from their ancestors who were the sole and original proprietors; that they were placed here by the author of nature

who had given them talents to gain  
a comfortable subsistence that these were  
disposed to retain the habits and customs  
in which they had lived from time im-  
memorial and that this attachment to  
their mode of life is the occasion of war  
when compelled to retire from their lands  
He thought no reason that a man should  
forfeit a large tract of land because he  
possessed more than he thought proper to  
cultivate. Mr Atherton <sup>said</sup> the arguments ad-  
vanced by Mr Abbot <sup>were</sup> fallacious yet the  
best the subject would admit of; and  
decided the question in the negative.  
On request of Mr Bell <sup>quitting</sup> Wallace the society  
voted that their connexions with the society  
be dissolved. Voted to remit any assessments  
or fines which Mr J Bell might incur while  
a member Voted to excuse the absences of  
Mr Otis, Manning, Siske, Hartshorn & J Abbot  
Voted to adjourn to the usual time

J. B. Abbot Secretary.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1809

Met at 8 o'clock according to adjournment  
Seven members only present the vice President  
in the chair, who was excused by a vote of the  
Society in consequence of ill health after  
having decided in the affirmative on the  
question ought a person to be convicted of a  
crime on mere circumstantial evidence  
which was discussed by Hartshorn affirmative  
and Wallace negative  
The president thought there could be circum-  
stantial evidence, of a crime having been  
committed by a certain person, which would  
show as perfect a conviction in the  
minds of a Court and jury and in the minds  
of People in general, as the most positive  
evidence.

after the President withdrew Manning  
took the chair by a vote of the society.

The other exercises were performed according to  
their appointments.

The next business was to ballot for Mr  
Kimball which was voted to be postponed  
till the next meeting. Mr Falsome was put  
on the nomination list by the request  
of Mr Manning. Mr Secomb obtained  
leave of absence indefinitely, as he  
anticipated leaving town before the  
next meeting, by a vote of the Society.

voted to excuse Mr Gordon from  
performing, whose reason was inability  
in consequence of hoarseness of voice.

Voted to adjourn to the usual time

L. Farley Sec. Morten.

June 21 1809

Met according to adjournment. So being a Quarterly meeting, no exercises were performed. The society elected by ballot George Kimball an immediate member of the society and <sup>was</sup> conducted to it by Mr Burnham when he was initiated in due form. Farley and Manning were appointed a Committee to settle with the Secretary. The Reports of the Librarian and Library Committee were read and accepted. Farley & Burnham were appointed a Committee to bind books and pamphlets who were requested to report in six weeks. It was then voted to proceed to the choice of officers and the ballots being taken C. D. Atherton was elected President, S. Abbot Vice President, Wm Gordon First Censor, J Burnham Second Censor, W Gordon Secretary, A Wallace Librarian, C D Atherton, Wm Gordon, & G Swan Library Committee.

Voted that Dr Spalding be requested to continue to give Lectures on Chemistry and that Gordon inform him. Voted that C. H. Atherton be appointed to wait on Samuel Bell and request his attendance at the society and that Gordon inform Mr Atherton of his appointment. Voted that, S. Bell Esq. to requested to deliver an address at the next quarterly meeting, and that Burnham inform him of his appointment. Voted that Giske and H Abbot have leave of absence indefinitely. Otis & H Abbot were excused for absence last meeting by vote.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock

H Abbot Sec'y

July 5. 18

At this meeting was discovered a great improvement in the elocution and action of many members. But, to make all even, we were favored with but one specimen of composition; another added to the many previous proofs, that we are not to expect

to excel in this elegant accomplishment  
without the aid of rigorous laws to  
enforce the performance of this part  
of our various duty. Kimball and  
Gordon discussed the moral tendency  
of theatrical representation, on which  
the decision of the president was  
upon the whole favorable. Of theater,  
however, as they are, or as he sus-  
pected them to be, he could not speak  
in praise. Farley ~~and~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~  
absent, and Otis did not perform.

Usual adjournment.

Gordon Secy.

Ms. At the above meeting was submitted the  
report of the committee to settle with the late  
secretary; which so far, as signed by Farley,  
one of said committee, was accepted. By  
this report it appears, there are in the  
funds twenty three dollrs. sixty three and an  
half cents; also, debts due the society, partly  
of a doubtful nature, to the amount  
of three dollars fifty. G. S.

July 19. The meeting this evening was thinly attended, and distinguished only by its usual features of correctness and propriety. Indeed, there was considerable spirit displayed in examining and remarking upon the question, brought into discussion; namely, the existence of disinterested benevolence. Upon the whole, it formed the general opinion, that the term disinterested ought not to have been used; and that, with it, no just decision could be had on the subject. Indisposition was received for exercise in Kimball for nonperformance. Otis was absent, and S. Abbot, and Swan.

August 2. There not being a quorum this evening, no proceedings were had. At the next regular time for a meeting, August 16, the most distinguished exercise was a debate, in the form of a written forensic, by Fairby and Wallcut; of considerable length, and possessing cogent & ingenious argument. This evening Manning was fined for nonperformance, and Gardner excused for the same. Mr. Governor, Secy.

August 30. The secretary being absent this meeting, only knows, that with himself, Abbot, Swan, and Kimball were absent, and that no extra business question was had. He here takes notice, that at this, or previous meeting, Richard Baylston, John Farmer, and Joshua Tolson were nominated to the Society for immediate membership. Mr Gordon, Secy.

Sep. 13. Munroe, on account of indisposition, had been to retire. The question this evening, and which was decided in the negative, was; Would a separation of the union be beneficial to the New England States? Swan in the negative, Gordon in the affirmative. Swan & Manning were the committee to settle with the Secretary, Wallcut was excused for a late non attendance on the library. Resolved, that brother Manning, by neglecting his duty as Librarian, and



refusing to pay the penalty, has forfeited  
his privilege in the library.

John Farmer was this evening elected,  
to be notified by Hartshorn; also, Joshua  
Tolson, do. by Manning; and  
Boylston, by Swan.

Wednesday Sept. 27, 1809 Met according to adjournment  
Chose Burnham President and Swan Secy. pro tem  
The bill being called Gordon, Hartshorn, Abbot and  
Manning were absent. Voted to proceed to the  
choise of officers.

Chose C. H. Atherton President,

Jno. Burnham Vice President.

L. Farley Secretary

Burnham 1st. Censor

Abbot 2<sup>d</sup>. Do.

Swan Librarian

Wallace

Farley &

Swan

} Lib. Committee

voted to accept of the report of the committee  
appointed to see what books need binding  
and cause the same to be done. Chose Farley  
a committee to request the representative to lay  
his account before the society. —

voted that the present Library committee be  
a special committee to examine the  
Library and as soon as may be report the  
state of the same to the Society

L. Farley Secy. -

October 18, 1809. Met according to adjournment -  
The roll was called at the proper time  
Swan & Hartshorn were absent -  
Proceeded to the exercises. A dispute was  
held between Manning & Wallace on the  
question is there any present time or a  
certain portion of time, that can properly be  
called present - Decided in the affirmative  
thru by Burnham - Abbot & Burnham  
declained - Farley & French held an exte-  
mporaneous disputation on the question  
is duelling ever justifiable - Decided in  
the negative by the vice President &c  
The report of the committee appointed to  
settle with Secretary Gordon was read and  
accepted - Voted to remit Mannings fine for  
non attendance on the Library -  
Voted to grant Kimball an honorable  
dismission from the Society -  
Voted not to exact of Burnham the ~~proposed~~  
payment of a dollar which was  
constitutionally due to the Society

in consequence of his not having paid his  
last quarterly subscription

Voted that Mannings commission be  
disallowed on condition that he would  
pay up the demands, which were due to  
the Society.

Voted to grant Gordon an honorable dismis-  
sion from the Franklin Society

Voted to excuse Abbot for absence from  
the last meeting

Voted to adjourn to Wednesday Novem-  
ber the first

L. Farley scty.

November 2<sup>d</sup>. 1809 Met at the usual time. The  
roll being called Swan & Wallace were absent  
Mr. Morrison was introduced, by Abbot, and,  
after hearing the rules & regulations, subscribed  
his name in the Book of them. —

Voted to remit the charge made by secretary Abbot  
against Hartsborn. — All performed their  
exercise excepting Burrisham, who stands  
fined for non performance 25 cents. —

Voted to excuse Hartsborn for ~~his~~ absence

Voted to adjourn. —

L. Farley scty. —

November 29-1809 Met according to adjournment  
Six members present. Swan & Abbot  
absent. All performed their exercises  
as they were allotted excepting French  
who was fined for non performance.  
An extemporaneous dispute was held  
between Burnham and Wallace  
on the question: Does virtue increase  
with the increase of knowledge?  
Burnham affirmative, Wallace  
negative. It was not voted —  
Wallace was excused for absence  
from the last meeting —  
Voted adjourn —

November 13th 1809 Met according to adjourn-  
ment. Abbot was absent. Proceeded to  
to business. Burnham & Hartshorn  
were excused from performing on  
account of indisposition. Wallace  
was excused from further attendance  
this evening. An extemporaneous  
dispute was held by Morrison  
and Farley on the following  
Question: Is a private education  
preferable to a public one?  
Swan made some very good  
observations on the subject. Which  
displayed ingenuity. —  
Farley was appointed a committee  
to wait on Monro and

request him to pay up his dues  
and in case of a refusal by him  
to do the same, to request him  
to appear before the society and  
show cause why he does not conform  
to the rules of the society.--  
Swan was chosen a committee  
to settle with secretary and report  
at the next meeting.--

Ordered to adjourn to the next  
Wednesday, which is the day  
for the next quarterly meeting

L. Farley Secy





Dec. 26 Met. all the members present  
But Wallace & Farley the exercises were  
performed as usual

Voted to excuse Abbot for absence

Voted to remit Swan's fine for  
non attendance on the library -

Voted to remit Burroughs's fine  
for non performance -

Morrison Secretary pro tem -

January 10 1860 assembled at

the usual hour. Wallace was  
absent - Voted to hear the exercises.

The performances were very good  
Swan & French held an ext dispute  
on the subject. Whether we receive  
more real enjoyment from anticipation  
than actual possession -

Decided in the nega part by int  
negative and pt. in affa.

By Abbot. Voted to excuse Farley  
for absence last meeting and for  
tardiness this - Morrison  
stands fine for tardiness and  
non performance -

Voted to adjourn -

J. Farley Secy

January 24-1810 - Met according to adjournment. Mr. Atterton in the chair. ~~nine~~ eight other members present. Swan was absent. -

Proceeded to hear the exercises - An extremely perancous dispute was held on the question, is the desire of honour a greater stimulus to exertion than riches? Decided that honour, in an original state is the greatest incentive and riches is the greatest in a civilised world. By Mr. Atterton Voted to excuse Wallace for non performance and absence - Abbot was fined for absence - Voted to adjourn. L. Farley Secy.

February 7-1810 Met according to adjournment. By a vote proceeded to hear the exercises - no one absent - Voted to excuse Swan, Burnham and Morrison from further attendance this evening.

Voted to excuse Abbot and Hartshorn for tardiness -

French & Farley were fined for non performance twenty five cents each. L. Atterton Secy.



February 21-1810 Met at seven o'clock  
Kasthorn and Wallace were absent  
The exercises were performed according  
to their allotments. An extempore  
was dispute was held by French  
and Farley on the Question viz  
Whether intercourse with foreign  
Nations has been favourable to  
morality in this Country?

Decided in the aff. By Abbott.  
Swan had leave to retire to keep  
the Ladies company. - ~~Vote to adjourn.~~

S. Farley fecit.

March 7-1810 Met according to  
adjournment. Burnham, Swan,  
Wallace, French, and Morrison  
were absent. Not being enough  
to constitute a quorum, the for  
doing business the meeting was opened  
and adjourned to one for tonight. -

S. Farley fecit.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1810 Met at seven o'clock. Morrison  
and <sup>and Abbot</sup> Swan were absent. Voted to dispense with  
with the exercises, and to proceed to the  
election of officers, chose Wallace Pres-  
sident.

Chose C. H. Atherton President  
- J. Burnham Vice Pres<sup>t</sup>

- Sam<sup>l</sup>. Abbot 1<sup>st</sup> Censor  
L. Farley 2<sup>d</sup> Cens<sup>r</sup>

Hartshorn Librarian

Wallace Secretary

Wallace  
Abbot } Lib. Comm<sup>t</sup>.  
Farley }

Voted that the Library committee examine  
into the state of the Library and report the  
state of the same the next meeting  
V. T. to remit the quarterly assessment  
for the present quarter.

Excused Wallace for two absences.

Excused Burnham for one absence

Voted to adjourn to seven o'clock on  
the next day of meeting.

L. Farley Secy.

April 4, 1810 Met at seven O'clock.

All the Members present excepting French & Morrison

Voted that the exercises allotted for this evening be postponed to the next meeting.

Voted that Mr Swan be excused for three absences; and that, at his request, Mr Swan's connexions with <sup>Society.</sup> this be dissolved.

The Library Committee not having reported at this meeting—

Voted that the Report be made at the next meeting

Voted that Wallace be a Committee to see if Mr Gilley will excuse the Society from the contract for the use of a Room, and to settle with him for the same—

Voted that Abbot be a Committee to remove the Library if necessary.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned.

A. WALLACE Secy

April 18, 1810. Met according to adjournment

All the Members present excepting French & Morrison

Voted to proceed to the stated exercises—

Voted that Abbot have liberty to declaim instead of bringing in composition—

Voted that Wallace be excused from Declaiming on account of indisposition—

All the other Members present performed the parts assigned them at a former meeting

Voted <sup>that</sup> the Report of the Library Committee be accepted

at the request of Mr Bernam. Voted that his connexions with the Society be dissolved—

Voted to adjourn to seven O'clock on the evening of the next meeting

A. WALLACE Secy

May 2, 1810 Met according to adjournment

The roll being called, Morrison was absent.  
Voted that Abbot take the Chair & preside <sup>at</sup> this meeting.  
Voted that Farley have leave of absence for this evening  
and one Month ensuing.

Voted to hear the exercises - which were as assigned at  
the last meeting.

An extemporaneous disputation was held by Wallace  
and Abbot on this question "Whether the legal  
administration of Baths be beneficial to Society?"  
Which was decided in the affirmative by Fisk P. Pro Tern.  
Voted to adjourn to seven O'clock on the evening of the  
next Meeting.

W. B. Searcy

May 16, 1810. Met according to adjournment.

The Meeting was opened by calling the Roll.  
Abbot was absent.

Voted that Morrison Preside at this Meeting.

Voted to proceed to the stated exercises.

All the Members present, excepting Morrison,  
performed the several parts assigned them at  
the last Meeting. He was fined twenty five cents  
for Nonperformance this evening, and thirty  
seven and half cents for being absent at the  
last Meeting.

Voted to excuse Morrison for <sup>the</sup> four absences  
preceeding the last Meeting.

An extemporaneous ~~question~~ dispute was held by  
Fisk & Hartshorne on this question "Is the Instigator of  
a crime more guilty than the Perpetrator?"  
After being pretty fully & ably discussed by the disputants  
it was decided in the Negative by Morrison Pres. Pro Tern.  
Voted to adjourn to seven O'clock P.M. on the  
evening of the next Meeting.

W. B. Searcy

May 30, 1810 - At the time to which the former meeting was adjourned two or three members met but not being a sufficient number to constitute a quorum for transacting business the meeting was not opened so nothing could be done  
A. W. C. Seery

June 13, 1810 - Met at 7 o'clock P.M. All the members present excepting Abbot & Morrison -

Mr Hartshorn was chosen President Pro Tem.

At Mr Seery's request his connections with this Society were dissolved.

Voted to proceed to the initiation of John Farmer as an immediate member of this Society -

He was initiated in due form, after which we proceeded to the stated exercises -

The performances were as allotted at the last with the following exceptions - "It was voted

that Hartshorn for satisfactory reasons, <sup>for not writing composition</sup> have leave to declaim at this time in lieu of the same - Taylor & Morrison were to have held

an extemporaneous disputation from this question "Does Nature do more for Man than

Art?" Morrison being absent and Taylor having the affirmative of the question Wallace

and Fisk volunteered in defence of the negative But very little was said in the affirmative while

on the negative it was discussed at considerable length on which side Fisk discovered considerable ingenuity and made some pertinent remarks -

It was decided in the negative by Hartshorn Pres. Pro Tem Wallace, for non performance was fined twenty five cents -

Hartshorn presented an account of fifty cents against the Society for extra expense in securing the Library when it was voted it should be allowed & the Secretary authorised to settle the same

Voted to adjourn to the next Wednesday at 7 o'clock P.M.

A. W. C. Seery

June 20, 1810 Met according to adjournment.

All the immediate Members present excepting  
Abbot - Chose Hartshorn <sup>Pres</sup> Pro. Tern.

The Report of the Committee appointed to settle  
with the Secretary was read and accepted - by  
which report it appears that the funds of the  
Society amount to Fourteen Dollars and thirty  
nine & half cents -

Proceeded to ballot for the choice of Officers  
for the ensuing Quarter -

Chose Ch. H. Atwater President - S. Abbot Vice  
President - A. Fisk 1<sup>st</sup> Censor & L. Hartshorn 2<sup>nd</sup> do.

A. Wallace Secretary & J. Farmer Librarian  
Wallace, Fisk & Taylor were chosen Library  
Committee -

Voted to remit the sum of thirty seven & half  
cents of Morrison's fine on account of a want  
of a knowledge of the Laws - also voted to excuse  
Morrison for his absence at the last Meeting -

Voted to remit the Quarterly assessment for  
the ensuing Quarter as the Library is consid-  
ered sufficiently large for the very small number  
of immediate Members now in the Society  
the whole number being only seven! and we  
seem to be wholly forsaken by the Hon. Members  
not one of whom has attended the last Quarter  
It being the regular Quarterly meeting no exercises  
were allotted for this evening -

Isaac Brooks Esq. by vote of the Society was put  
on the nomination list for Hon. Membership.

Voted to adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P.M. one  
fortnight from this evening

A. Wallace Secy

July 11, 1810 Met at 7 o'clock - Members all present -

Voted to excuse Farmer from further attendance this evening -

Proceeded to the stated exercises - which were Declamation by Hartshorn - Composition by Fisk & Taylor - An extemporaneous disputation was held by Abbot and Waller on this question Does Agriculture conduce more to the improvement of the intellectual powers than the Mechanic Arts and Manufactures? Abbot advocated the affirmative of the question & Waller the negative -

Vice President Abbot being one of the disputants; it was decided in the negative by Hartshorn Pres Pro Tem

Voted to adjourn to the next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock P.M.

A. W. Waller Secy

July 18, 1810 Met according to adjournment

Members all present -

Proceeded to the exercises - which were Declamation by Taylor & Waller - Composition by Abbot & Farmer - and a dispute on this question "Is early marriage commendable?" by Fisk & Hartshorn - which was argued at considerable length by both disputants and then decided that it must depend on the inclination and the circumstances of the Persons by - - Abbot Vice President

Voted to adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P.M. one fortnight from this evening

A. W. Waller Secy

Aug. 1, 1810 Met according to adjournment.

All the immediate members present except Wallcut  
Two Hon. Members attended this evening viz Rev Mr  
Barnard & Sam Curtis Esq. - Chose Hartshorne Sec. Pro. Tem.  
Voted to proceed to ballot for Isaac Brooks Esq. as an  
Honorary Member - On counting the votes he  
was declared elected &c.

Proceeded to the stated exercises - All the Members  
performed the parts respectively assigned them  
at the last Meeting - Hamner & Taylor disputed on this question  
"Are not beasts of burden of greater utility <sup>to the community</sup> than Metals?" Decided in the Neg.  
Hamner aff. Taylor neg.  
Voted to adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P.M. one fort-  
night from this evening.

W. M. S. Secy

Aug. 15, 1810 Met according to adjournment.

All the immediate Members present - Mr Atherton  
the President attended this evening - In addition to  
the number and respectability of the Hon. Members  
was this evening made by Isaac Brooks Esq. who  
came in heard the Laws read by the Secretary  
who enrolled his name in the book of the  
rules and regulations of the society - Hamner  
and Fisk read composition this evening -  
Hartshorne and Taylor declaimed and Abbot  
and Wallcut disputed on this question  
"Whether Luxury be more hurtful than  
beneficial in a Republic?" After being  
discussed at some length it was decided in the  
negative by the President.

Wallcut aff. Abbot Neg.

Voted to adjourn as usual after having  
excused Wallcut for absence at the last meeting

W. M. S. Secy



Aug. 29. 1810 Met according to adjournment

The roll being called Farmer was absent

Proceeded to the exercises - Abbot read Composition,

Fisk & Hartshorn discussed the following question

"Would not the time usually devoted by Students to the study of the Dead Languages be more profitably spent in the study of English Literature?"

After the subject of the question had been ingeniously handled by both the disputants - and Mr

Barnard the only Hon. Member present had made some valuable remarks, it was decided

in the negative by Abbot Vice President

Taylor read Composition & Wallan declaimed

who being tardy this evening was excused by vote

Voted to adjourn to one fortnight at 7 o'clock P.M.

A. W. M. B. Secy

Sept. 12. 1810 Met according to adjournment.

The roll being called no one <sup>excepting Farmer</sup> was absent - No Hon. Members attended this evening.

Voted to proceed to the stated exercises. Abbot & Fisk declaimed

Hartshorn and Wallan read Composition, Farmer

and Taylor held an extemporaneous dispute on this

question "Would it not be an advantage to this country

if all except those who are intended for a Liberal Edu-

cation were obliged to follow the trades or professions

of their Fathers?" Decided in the negative by Abbot V. Pres.

Voted that Reading be considered as one of the exercises

in this Society, and that Abbot, Wallan & Fisk be

a Committee to frame some regulations for carrying

this vote into effect in the best possible manner, and

report at the next regular meeting.

Voted that Fisk & Farmer be a committee to settle with

the Secretary. Robert Mearns was put on the nomination

list for immediate Membership.

Voted to adjourn to one fortnight at 7 P.M.

A. W. M. B. Secretary

Sept. 19. 1810 Met. according to adjournment -  
The Roll being called all the immediate Members  
were present. No Honorary Members attended  
this evening. The V. President in the Chair  
the Society proceeded to the usual business of a  
quarterly Meeting. Voted to hear the report of the  
Library Committee. Which Report was ac-  
cepted. The Committee appointed to settle with  
the Secretary reported that there <sup>was</sup> Money in the  
hands of the Secretary to the amount of seventeen  
Dollars, thirty nine and half cents. which Report  
was accepted.

Voted that the Librarian be authorized to  
procure the Nos wanted to complete several  
Vols of Pamphlets, let them bound & clear  
on the Secretary <sup>for</sup> the sums necessary to defray  
the expense. - Proceeded to choose the Officers  
for the ensuing Quarter.

Chose Mr. Atherton President

\_\_\_\_\_ Abbot - V. President

\_\_\_\_\_ Abbot - 1<sup>st</sup> Curator

\_\_\_\_\_ Farmer 2<sup>nd</sup> Do

\_\_\_\_\_ Hartshorn - Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Abbot - Librarian

Abbot Farmer & Fiske L. Committee

Voted to remit the Quarterly Assessment for  
the ensuing Quarter.

No further business being before the Society the  
Meeting was dissolved

A. W. P. V. C.  
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Sept. 26. 1810. Met according to adjournment.

All the immediate Members present except  
~~ting Hartshorn & Fisk~~  
This evening as at the two last meetings, no Honorary  
Members attended.

Voted to proceed to the stated exercises.

Taylor Declaimed; Farmer read Composition,  
and Abbot & Wallace held a dispute on this  
question viz, "Has Man a Natural Right to  
make use of Animal Food"? In advocating  
the negative of this question Abbot, with a great degree  
of plausibility, argued from the structure of the Human  
System whether external or internal, that Man was  
not originally designed by Nature to make use of animal  
food. Taylor made a few pertinent remarks in the  
affirmative - Decided in the affirmative by Farmer Pres. Pro Tem

Voted to adjourn to the Constitutional time for the  
next <sup>stated</sup> Meeting - viz one fortnight at 7 P.M.

Attest ~~AMM~~ Secretary Pro Tempore

October 24. 1810

All the immediate members were present.  
One month had elapsed since the last  
meeting, owing to the Regimental Muster  
in Amhurst, which rendered an attendance  
on the exercises that evening, impracticable.  
The roll being called, it was voted to  
except of a composition as a substitute  
for declamation from Farmer. Abbot  
and Taylor read composition; Wallace  
declaimed; Fisk and Hartshorn discussed  
the following question

"Does real wisdom, moral purity and true happiness keep pace with the improvements in science and literature"; The disputants were ill prepared to discuss the question, not having taken that premeditation, which the question required. After discussion the vice-President arose and said that the question comprehended no less than six different questions; or that it might be divided into six different parts - Thus - Does real wisdom keep pace with the improvements in science; and next does it keep pace with the improvements in literature? In the same manner "moral purity and true happiness" might be taken making in the whole six questions. He then made a few pertinent remarks upon each one, and decided the question in the Negative. The exercises being ended, the committee chosen to form some rules respecting reading as an exercise, brought forward the following resolve which was accepted -

Resolved

"That beside the stated exercises, when there is sufficient time, the members in alphabetical order, two or more at each meeting, shall each perform a short exercise in reading

selected by the Presiding officer, or at his request by the Honorary members. After the members have freely remarked on the reading, the Performer may, if he chuses, read the whole or a part of his exercise again; and the members make additional remarks on such parts as are read the second time". After conceiving the character of Robert Means Jr, whose name had stood the usual time on the nomination list, he was unanimously elected an Immediate member of the Franklin Society.

Mr Abbot was chosen to inform Mr Means of his election. Voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock next meeting.

Levi Hawthorn Secretary

November 7 1810

Met agreeably to adjournment. All the Immediate members were present. No particular business to be attended to, the exercises commenced by a declamation by Abbot; after which Fisk read composition Taylor Do.; Hawthorn then declaimed. Having sufficient time, it was voted to hear performances in reading agreeably to the resolve of the last meeting.

accordingly Abbot, Fisk and Hartshorn, severally performed an exercise in reading. Farmer & Wallace, to whom an Extemporaneous Disputation was allotted, did not perform, as Farmer was not prepared. Wallace and Farmer were both tardy, but were excused for tardiness and nonperformance. Voted to adjourn

Levi Hartshorn Secy

Amherst November 21. 1840

This evening all the Immediate members were present except Wallace. After the roll was called, the exercises commenced with a declamation by Taylor, composition by Hartshorn, extemporaneous Disputation between Fisk and Abbot on the following question —

"Would the universal toleration of all religious principles, tend to promote the true spirit of Religion?"

Fisk warmly advocated the affirmative by contending for the natural right which man has to embrace that system of religion which to him <sup>appears</sup> the most proper. Abbot supported the negative with no small degree of eloquence and ingenuity.

The Vice President being one of the disputants the decision of the question devolved on the Secretary who decided it in the affirmative.

Farmer was fined for nonperformance and excused for tardiness. For want of time was voted to postpone reading —

Voted to adjourn Levi Hartshorn Secy

December 5. 1810

This evening all the Immediate members were present except the Abbot the Vice-President. Fisk officiated as V-President - The exercises commenced with declamation by Fisk: Farmer and Taylor read compositions. Wallace and Hartstorn discussed the following question:

"Whether instructors of youth have a right to correct their scholars for misconduct out of school?"

Wallace held the affirmative, Hartstorn Nay. Decided in the Aff. by Fisk. - The exercises being finished, Farmer, Taylor and Wallace severally read short pieces of poetry selected by Fisk. Farmer and Fisk were chosen a committee to settle with the Secretary.

Voted to excuse Wallace for absence last meeting, and Farmer for tardiness this. Voted to adjourn -

Attest L. Hartstorn Secretary

December 19. 1810

This being a quarterly meeting, no exercises were attended to. The roll being called all the Immediate members were present except Wallace - The reports of the committees appointed to settle with the Secretary and to examine the Library were both executed. The officers chosen for the ensuing term are

Rev. J. Barnard	President
Saml Abbot	
L. Hartstorn	V. President
Saml Abbot	Secretary
Saml Abbot	Librarian
A. Wallace	} Censors
Saml Abbot	
J. Farmer	} Library Committee
A. Fisk	

Attest L. Hartstorn Secretary

January 2. 1811

At this meeting all the immediate members were present but no honorable members. The roll being called, the exercises commenced with declamation by Hawthorn; composition by Abbot, and extemporaneous disputation between Farmer and Taylor ensued and declamation by Wallace closed the stated exercises.

Question discussed this evening read thus --  
"Can friendship subsist between those whose political or religious sentiments are diametrically opposite?"

Farmer supported the affirmative Taylor negative. The members unanimously favoured the affirmative of the question. Vice-President Abbot made a lengthy, pertinent and highly interesting speech and decided it in the affirmative. Abbot and Fisk performed short exercises in reading. The exercises were generally performed with much spirit and some of them were highly pleasing.

William Clagett was nominated for an Immediate member of the Franklin Society. Voted to excuse Wallace for absence at the last meeting - Voted to adjourn 7<sup>th</sup> next meeting.

Levi Hawthorn Secretary

January 16. 1811

This evening three members were absent. No Honorary members present <sup>except</sup> the President. Meeting being opened Taylor declaimed Hawthorn read composition; Mr French who had been absent from the Society some months attended and favoured the society with a



declamation. Mr Abbot declaimed as a substitute  
for extemporaneous disputation his opponent  
being absent which prevented the discussion  
of a question. French Hartsborn and Taylor  
severally read short pieces. William ~~Clagett~~  
Clagett was unanimously elected an Immediate  
member; and Mr Abbot was chosen to inform  
Mr Clagett of his election. Clifton Clagett Esq  
was nominated for Honorary membership; and  
Alonso Snow and Abraham Andrews were  
nominated for Immediate membership.

Voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock next week.

Levi Hartsborn Secretary

January 30. 1811

After calling the members, all which were present  
except Farmer, it was motioned to proceed to the  
initiation of Mr William Clagett; which was  
accordingly done and Mr Clagett after receiving  
the charge he subscribed his name to the  
book of rules and regulations. It was then motioned  
to proceed to canvass the characters of Clifton  
Clagett Esq, Alonso Snow and Abraham  
Andrews, all of whom were unanimously  
elected; the former to Honorary membership, the  
two latter to Immediate. Mr Abbot was  
chosen to extend invitations to Mr Snow and  
Andrews. Moved to proceed to the stated exercises,  
which commenced with declamation by Abbot,  
composition succeeded by Taylor. Extemporaneous  
disputation between Wallace and Hartsborn;  
declamation by Fisk closed the exercises.

Question discussed stood thus - "Whether Rulers  
enjoy more happiness, than their subjects?"  
Decision by the President not positive, but that  
it must depend on the character or disposition  
of the Ruler &c. Voted to adjourn  
Attest Levi Hartsborn Secy

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1811.

Not agreeably to adjournment - the roll being called, all the immediate members were present except Clagget. Mr Abraham Andrews was introduced into the society, who after hearing the Initiatory Address and the Rules and Regulations, took the charge and subscribed his name to the book of Rules & Regulations. Wallace declaimed. Farmer read composition; Taylor declaimed as a substitute for composition by vote of the society; Fisk and Abbot discussed the following question, viz - -

"Whether the luxuries of polished society, have a greater tendency to abridge human life, than the hardships of the savage state?"

The arguments of the disputants were extended to considerable length. The decision of the question devolved on the Secretary, who for want of suitable information respecting the question, gave no final decision. Hartshorn declaimed. Farmer was excused for absence at the two last meetings.

Clagget was excused for tardiness and non-performance. Fisk, French and Hartshorn had leave of absence indefinitely from the society.

Voted to postpone reading for want of time - voted to adjourn 7 o'clock next week

Attest Levi Hartshorn Secy

Wed February 27<sup>th</sup> 1811..

Samuel Abbot, Abraham Andrews, Ebenezer Taylor  
and John Farmer met according to adjournment.

Owing to the paucity of members and the badness of  
walking, motion was made to adjourn to the next stated  
meeting. Adjourned agreeably to a vote on said  
motion.

Attest. John Farmer Secy. pro tem.



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March 13<sup>th</sup> 1811.. Met according to adjournment.

A. Andrews and W. Claggett were absent. Mr. Wallace  
stated to the Society that Mr. Andrews had requested  
him to procure of the Society leave of absence indef-  
-initely, as he should leave town in a few weeks.

Noted that Mr. Andrews have leave of absence indefi-  
-nitely.

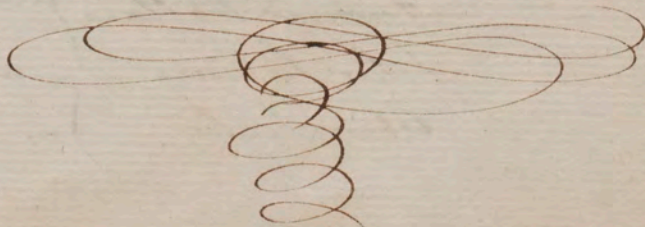
Noted that Farmer and Taylor be a Committee to settle  
with Secretary Hartshorn.

The exercises of this evening were postponed to the next  
stated meeting, for the same reasons that occasioned  
their postponement at the last.

Noted to adjourn to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

NB. Mr. Wallace was excused for non attendance at  
the last meeting.

Attest. John Farmer Secy. pro tem.



Quarterly Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1811.

This evening was devoted to the choice of Officers for the ensuing term and to the hearing of the reports of the several Committees. The substance of the report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Secretary was, that there is the sum of \$20.79 in the Treasury, besides \$3.00 now due to the Society. —

Voted to accept this report. The report of the Library Committee was then read as follows:

Your Committee have carefully examined the Library and found the number of books as reported last quarter complete and in good order, except certain periodical works in pamphlets, which your Committee are of opinion, it is necessary to have immediately bound, supplying the deficient numbers where thought advisable.

Samuel Abbot } Library  
John Farmer } Committee

March 20. 1811.

Voted to accept the above report. —

Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers. The following were chosen for the ensuing term.

Charles H. Atherton Esq. President.

Samuel Abbot Vice President.

John Farmer Secretary.

Samuel Abbot } Censors.  
John Farmer }

Samuel Abbot Librarian.

Andrew Wallace } Library Committee.  
John Farmer }  
Eben Taylor }

Voted that the quarterly assessment of Mr. Andrews be remitted and that neither his, or Claggett's initiatory fees and assessments be doubled.

Voted to remit the Quarterly assessment for the ensuing term.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest. Ino. Farmer, Secy. pro, tem.

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March, 27. 1811. Very few members attended this evening, and in consequence of the number being so small, it was voted to pass over the stated performances and attend to reading. All the members present performed in this exercise and none appeared dissatisfied with the manner in which it was fulfilled.

Claggett, Taylor and Wallace were absent.

Voted to adjourn.

Ino. Farmer, Secy.

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April, 10. 1811. Indisposition of health prevented Farmer from attending, who therefore requested Wallace to officiate as Secretary: It appears from a paper recd from him that no business was transacted and that Abbot and Claggett were absent.

Attest. Ino. Farmer, Secy.

May, 8, 1811. Met at 8 o'clock P.M.

The names of the members being called all were present excepting Farmer.

Clayton, Wallace and Abbot were chosen a Committee to purchase some books in addition to the Library of the Society, with power to draw on the Treasurer for monies for that purpose. Voted to proceed to the stated exercises.

The members severally performed the parts assigned them at the last meeting; viz. Declamation by Abbot; an Extemporaneous Disputation on this question — Is Polygamy justifiable, by Clayton and Wallace; Declamation by Taylor. After a variety of arguments drawn from a variety of sources, particularly the Scriptures, the question was decided by President Atherton in the Negative to the satisfaction of all present.

Noted that Clayton be a Committee to wait on Doctor Matthias Spalding and request him to continue his Lectures on Chemistry to the Society.

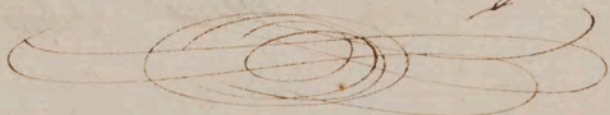
Noted that Clayton, Wallace, & Taylor be severally excused for being absent at several late meetings.

Mrs. C. H. Atherton Esq and the Pres. Mr. Barnard attended the meeting and expressed an intention of meeting with the Society more frequently in future.

Noted to adjourn —

A. Wallace Secy Pro Tem.

Attest. John Farmer Secretary.



May, 22, 1811. Abbot, Claggett and Wallace met.  
The members were called. Farmer & Taylor were absent.  
The number being so small, it was thought proper to  
adjourn without attending to the exercises which was  
done accordingly — A. Wallace Secy. Pro. Tem.

A true Copy — Attest. S<sup>r</sup>. Farmer Secy.

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June 5<sup>th</sup> } In consequence of the absence of all the  
A. D. 1811 } members excepting Mr. Abbot, who not con-  
stituting a quorum for transacting business, no meeting  
was had. —

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June, 19<sup>th</sup> } Quarterly Meeting.  
A. D. 1811. }

The members were all present excepting  
Claggett and Farmer. Wallace officiated as Secretary.  
Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing  
Quarter. Chose Charles N. Atherton Esq. President  
Samuel Abbot, Vice President  
William Claggett, Secretary.  
Andrew Wallace Librarian

Samuel Abbot } Censors.  
William Claggett }

Samuel Abbot } Library Committee.  
William Claggett }  
Ebenezer Taylor }

Taylor and Wallace were chosen Committee to settle with  
Farmer. Wallace & Taylor were excused for non-attendance.  
Mr. John Walker was nominated for immediate membership.  
Adjourned. "Nemine Contradiente". A. Wallace Secy. Pro. Tem.  
True Copy — Attest John Farmer Secy.

August 28 1811. Brothers Claggett & Wallace  
convened at the usual place but  
not constituting a Quorum, after seriously  
recommending that the absent Brothers of the  
Society should for the future punctually attend  
abruptly broke off their conference and agreed  
to adjourn the same

William Claggett. Secy

Sept. 11 1811.

The Society met - attended to the initiation  
of Mr. Alonzo Snow - Elected Mr. Geo. Walker  
Claggett was chosen to extend the invitation.  
Messrs. Bell, Searles & Doct. Wallace were  
propounded as candidates for election -  
Messrs. Abbot, Fish, & French were chosen  
a Committee to settle accounts with the Sec-  
retary. Claggett had leave of indefinite  
absence from the Society - No exercises  
having been appointed Society adjourned

Attest William Claggett Secy



# Quarterly Meeting, Sept. 17, 1811.

Met at eight o'clock P.M. — Present,  
Abbot, Taylor, Wallace & Fish. — absent  
Church, Hartshorn and Snow. — The meeting  
being opened, voted to attend to hearing the report of the  
several committees. — The Committee, chosen at  
the quarterly meeting in June last, to settle with the  
Secretary for the then last quarter, reports as follows:

The committee appointed to settle with Mr. Farmer,  
Secretary for the last Quarter, they have to report as  
follows. — That they find the amount of <sup>the</sup> Society's funds,  
in Mr. Farmer's hands, to be in cash — \$ 20.79  
Mr. Claggett is indebted to the Society — 2.00  
Mr. Andrews — 1.00  
Total 23.79

Submitted by — E. Taylor }  
A. Wallace } Committee

July 3, 1811.

This report was accepted by vote of the Society. —

The committee, chosen Sept. 21, 1811, to settle with Mr.  
Claggett, Secretary for the last quarter, reports, that,  
on account of his absence, their accounts with the  
Secretary remained unsettled. — The Library com-  
mittee, then, "reported no progress & request leave to sit  
again." — Voted they re-examine and report the  
state of the Library, the next meeting. —

Voted that the Quarterly assessments, for the last,  
and ensuing, quarters, be remitted. —

Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers, and  
chose as follows: —

Doct. Samuel Curtis, President

Samuel Abbot, ~~Vice~~ President

Samuel Abbot, first Censor

Andrew Wallace, second Do

Allen Fisk, Secretary

Samuel Abbot, Librarian

S. Abbot, A. Snow, & C. Taylor } <sup>Library</sup> Committee

Voted that Wallace and Taylor be excused  
for being absent last meeting. Also, that Taylor have  
leave of absence, indefinitely, he requesting the same.  
Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

A. Wallace Secy. pro. tem.

True copy— Attest—

Allen Fisk, Secy.

Sept 25, 1811.

By reason of the bad weather, and  
more especially, on account of a meeting  
and exhibition of the "Handel," "Handelian,"  
and "Middlesex Musical Societies," in  
town, no meeting of the Franklin Society  
was had.

Allen Fisk, Secy.

Oct<sup>th</sup> 9,  
D. 1811.

Present Abbot, Wallace, and  
Fisk — all other members absent.  
The roll being called, the society pro-  
ceeded to business — Fisk declaimed

Abbot declaimed — an extemporaneous disputation had  
been allotted to Wallace and French; but French  
being absent, it was omitted. No other business was  
done — The Society adjourned to 7 o'clock P.M. Oct. 23.

Wm Fisk Secy.

Oct. 23, 1811.

The members were all absent, except  
the secretary; — of course, no business was done.

Wm Fisk Secy.

November 6, 1811.

Nothing was had.

Wm Fisk Secy.

Nov. 20, 1811.

Present Brothers Abbot, Wallace & Fisk, &  
other members, absent. Meeting was opened as  
usual. - Voted to omit the usual exercises.  
Brother Wallace asked leave of absence,  
indefinitely; and obtained the same by vote  
of the society. Voted to adjourn.

Allen Fisk, Secretary

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An Interregnum.

Quarterly Meeting, September 15, 1813.

After a suspension of the meetings of the Franklin Society for nearly two years, it was proposed to hold the Quarterly meeting this day, agreeably to the Constitution, for the purpose of choosing officers, regulating the state of the Library, and transacting such business as should appear necessary. A meeting was accordingly held at the School house in the Centre District at six o'clock P. M. when after having chosen the Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford of New Boston, President for the ensuing Quarter, it was thought proper to postpone the choice of other officers on account of the small number of members present. The object of choosing officers did not proceed from an apprehension that the meetings of the society would in future be regularly attended, but from a consciousness that every article of the Constitution ought to be observed with scrupulous exactness so far as practicable. In the present state of the society, those officers comprehended in the 1<sup>st</sup> of the first article of the Constitution, are merely nominal, excepting Secretary and Librarian. As no regular meetings are had, the officers are consequently excluded those duties which would respectively belong to them, were the society in operation, or in its former flourishing and happy state.

On motion of Dr. Fayser, it was voted to postpone all other business to Saturday next. Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. and to meet at the school house.

Dr. Farmer was requested to make a record of this meeting and notify absent members of the adjournment.

Attest. John Farmer.



19 September, 1813.

Met according to adjournment. The following members were present: Benjamin G. French, John Farmer, Levi Hartshorn, David Secombe, Alonzo Snow and Ebenezer Taylor, Junior. Benjamin G. French was chosen President pro tem. The expediency of choosing a Vice President (the President having been chosen at the last meeting) and other officers of the Society for the ensuing quarter, was suggested, and a vote to that effect passed in the affirmative. The following officers were accordingly chosen.

Benjamin G. French, Vice President.

Levi Hartshorn Secretary.

Alonzo Snow, }  
David Secombe, } Censors.

John Farmer, Librarian.

Ebenezer Taylor, Junior, } Library  
John Farmer, }  
Benj. G. French } Committee.

Motion was then made that three persons be chosen a committee to examine into the state of the Library, to make out a list of books missing, to bind those that remain unbound, and make a report thereof at the next meeting of the society. B. G. French,

A. Snow and J. Farmer were chosen for that purpose.

Voted to remit all fines that may have been incurred by any of the members present in consequence of keeping books from the Library a longer time than the constitution prescribes.

Voted, on motion of Br. Hartshorn, that the present members of the society be allowed the privilege of taking from the Library from one to six books inclusive for any term of time not exceeding three months.

Voted that Brother French be requested to deliver an address before the society at the next meeting.

Attest: John Farmer, Sec.  
Pro tempore.

16 July, 1817.

At a meeting of the Franklin Society, voted that Brother Grenville preside this evening.

Voted to dispense with the usual exercises.

Voted that Brrs. Secombe, Farmer & Grenville be a committee to examine into the state of the Library, ascertain the number of books that are missing, request members to return those they may have, prior to the next meeting and make a report to the society at our next meeting.

Voted that a committee be chosen to examine the constitution and records & ascertain when the quarterly assessment was first remitted and report a set of resolves

relative to the admission of future members.  
Voted that this committee shall consist of Brs.  
Grenville and Farmer.

Voted that Br. Grenville enquire into the state  
of the Treasury department, and report at the  
ensuing meeting.

Voted that the names of Joseph Willard, Matthias  
Spalding, John Campbell and Isaac Spalding  
be put on the nomination list for immediate  
and Joseph Boynton and George Smith for  
probationary membership.

Voted to Adjourn.

Attest, Farmer, Secretary.

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30 July, 1817.

Met according to adjournment at the Hall of  
Messrs. Wallace and Spalding.

Voted to hear the report of the Committee chosen  
to inspect the Library.

"The Committee, who were chosen to examine  
"the state of the library, beg leave briefly to  
"report that they have ascertained that a  
"considerable proportion of the books are absent  
"from the Library, and would respectfully call  
"the Society to consider the propriety of giving  
"public notice requesting the return of books  
"belonging to our Society. A. S. Granville for Com"

Voted to accept the preceding report.

Voted that the Librarian cause a notification to be  
published in the Farmer's Cabinet, requesting those  
persons having books from the Franklin Library  
to return the same at, or before the next quarterly



meeting on the 17 day of September ensuing. —  
Br. Grenville reported respecting the funds of the Society  
those those remaining in the last Treasurers hands  
had been expended for Books for the Library.

Voted to adjourn. —

Attest, Ino. Farmer, Secretary

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10 September, 1817.

At a meeting of the Franklin Society, proceeded  
to the election of new members. Messrs. Joseph  
Willard, Matthias Spalding, 2. Isaac Spalding, &  
John Campbell, were elected immediate members,  
and Joseph Bagnon and George Smith proba-  
tionary, the three last to be notified by Grenville  
the former by Farmer.

Voted to adjourn. Attest, John Farmer, Secretary.

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17 September, 1817.

Quarterly Meeting. Met for the purpose of choosing  
Officers. Chose Samuel Curtis, President.

Alonzo S. Grenville, Vice President.

Alonzo S. Grenville, }  
Benjamin S. French, } Censors.

John Farmer, Secretary & Librarian.

David Secombe, }  
Ebenezer Saylor, } Library Committee.  
A. S. Grenville }

Adjourned sine die.

Attest, Ino. Farmer, Secretary.

24 February, 1818.

At a meeting of the Franklin Society agreeably to a notification in the Farmer's Cabinet, voted that Br. Read take the chair.

Voted that Br. Taylor be Secretary pro tem.

Voted to adjourn to 4 March to meet at the Hall over the store of Messrs. Wallace & Spalding, & that notice thereof be given in the Cabinet.

E. Taylor, Jr. Sec. Pro Tem.

A true copy, Attest, John Farmer, Secretary.

4 March, 1818.

Met according to adjournment. Present Samuel Curtis, Esq. Edmund Parker, Esq. Col. David M. Means, Capt Robert Read, William Read, Esq. honorary members and David Secombe, Ebenezer Taylor, Jr. and John Farmer, Immediate members. Doctor Samuel Curtis presided. —

After discussing the subject of removing the books and collecting all those which are absent from the Library it was moved that a committee be chosen to examine the books that are in the library to collect those that are out and to remove them to the store of Messrs. Wallace and Spalding. Voted that Brs. Parker, Read and Farmer constitute said committee. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Tuesday in April at 3 o'clock, P.M. then to meet at this place.

John Farmer, Secretary.

7 April 1818.

At a meeting of the Franklin Society holden at the Hall of Messrs Wallace and Spalding agreeably to public notice given in the Cabinet, Matthias Spalding, M.D. was chosen President pro tem., and Ebenezer Taylor, Jun. Secretary pro tem. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the state of the library then reported that they found about 70 volumes missing; the rest in good order. It was then voted that the meeting be adjourned to the first Saturday in May and that the Secretary cause notice thereof to be given in the Cabinet. It was also voted that said notice request all the members who may have books from the Library to return them before the adjourned meeting. Ebenezer Taylor, Secretary Pro Tem.  
A true copy, Attest, John Farmer, Secretary.

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2 May 1818.

Met according to adjournment. Present Saml. Curtis, Esq. Pres. Ebenezer Taylor, Jun. Sec. pro tem. Matthias Spalding, M.D. Dea David Holmes, William Read, Esq. Frederic French, Esq. Edmund Parker, Esq. Col. David M. Means, Capt Robert Read, and St. David Seecombe.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to examine the state of the library - to ascertain what donations in books have been made and by whom - and to separate such books

and also to ascertain who are entitled to a share in the library and to what amount.

Chose Edmund Parker, Robert Read and David Holmes for said Committee.

Voted, to return the donations to the donors and sell the remainder at auction.

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> to meet at the hall over Messrs Wallace & Spalding's store

Ebenr Taylor Sec. pro tem.

A Copy, att: John Farmer, Secretary.

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May 12<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment.

Members present, Ebenr Taylor  
D. McMeans  
Robert Read  
Edmund Parker

Deacon David Holmes was chosen Chairman  
Ebenr Taylor Jr. Secretary.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had separated those books donated from what were purchased by the Society's fund, and that they had ascertained the amount which the several members had paid respectively.

Voted, That the Books of the Library should be sold at public Auction on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, (excepting the books belonging to donors in the immediate vicinity) and that notice thereof should be given in the Farmers Cabinet.

Voted. That the Books donated by persons now at distance be sold and the proceeds transmitted them by mail or other conveyance.

Noted to adjourn to the 23 instant at 3 O'clock  
in the afternoon, then to meet at the Hall  
over Wallace & Spaldings store.

Attest Ebenezer Taylor Sec.

Sic transit gloria <sup>themas</sup>!! Mirabile dictu!!!

May 23d Met according to adjournment  
and proceeded to act upon the business for  
which the Society was convened viz to sell  
the library at public auction. It was voted  
that thirty days <sup>credit</sup> be given to the purchasers.  
Dr Dalton Col. D M Means and Captain  
Read successively officiated as auctioneers

The Books were purchased by the following  
persons at the following prices viz

The Spectator	by Mr Willard	for	\$ 5.00
x Cumberland's Memoirs	by Do		0 60
Elements of Criticism	by Do		2 10
Priestly's lectures	by Do		2 00
Middleton's Cicero	by Do		5 10
Dignity of Human Nature	by Do		1 25
			\$ 16.05
Aiken's letters to his son	by Ebenezer Taylor	gr	\$ 0.50
Marmontel's Memoirs	by Do		1 10
Humphrey's Works	by Do		1 30
Evans's Sketches	by Do		1 20
			\$ 7 10

Aiken's letters to a young lady by J Spalding \$0.28  
Broad Guins by Do 0.70  
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Mr West's letters to a young gentleman  
By Deacon David Holmes \$0.65  
Massillon's Sermons by Do 2.55  
Law's serious Call by Do 0.45  
Johnson's lives of the Poets Do 3.25  
Burke's Works Do 9.70  
Ferguson on civil Society Do 1.30  
Madoc Do 1.20  
\$18.80

Aiken's Geographical delineations by W. Head \$0.80  
Montesquieu's spirit of laws by Do 1.70  
Wealth of Nations Do 3.00  
Robertson's History of America Do 3.00  
Adam's Philosophy Do 8.10  
Hume's History Do 18.00  
Adam's Lectures Do 3.00  
Mr West's letters to a Young man 0.80  
Monthly Anthology 0.35  
\$38.75

+ Curran's Speeches by Do Campbell \$1.55  
+ Bacon's Essays Do 0.75  
+ Homer's Odyssey Do 0.90  
+ Reid's Essays Do 2.20  
+ Duncan's Logic Do 70

+ Fasson's	Jerusalem	Do	\$2.00
+ Rambler		Do	2.00
+ Literary	Miscellany	Do	0.10
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Paid to E Faylor jr			\$9.70

The Foresters	by David Fisk		\$0.30
American Poems		Do	0.70
Millers Retrospect		Do	3.00
Salvo's Travels		Do	0.70
Looker on		Do	1.75
Spirit of Despotism		Do	0.60
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			\$6.15

Robertson's	Charles the v	by Edms Parker	\$7.95
Pursuits of literature		Do	1.30
Sully's Memoirs		Do	6.00
Mason's Remains		Do	0.75
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			\$12.50

+ Plutarch's Lives	by Mr Boylston		\$7.65
+ Forster's Essays		Do	0.65
+ Leo the Tenth		Do	6.10
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Paid to E Faylor			11.40

Tooke's Diversions of Purley		royal Wallace	\$0.95
Cowper's Task		Do	0.83
State Papers		Do	0.83
Alexander Hamilton's Works		Do	5.05
Monthly Anthology		Do	1.20
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			\$8.86

Life of Sir William Jones	Do Spraliding		\$1.75
Holme's American Annals		Do	3.00
Laws serious Call large		Do	1.00
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			6.75

Frederick French Esquire Catharine 2nd — \$3.00

Saley's evidence of Christianity Col. D. McMeans — 80 5 5  
Beccaria on crimes and punishments Do — 0.60  
Boswell's life of Johnson Do — 4.10  
Minutes of the Warren association Do — 99  
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American Biography Dr Samuel Curtis — \$2.20

Stuart's Philosophy Dr Wallace of Milford — \$2.10

Bunyan's Holy War Esquire Campbell senior — 80 7 1  
Watts on the mind Do — 0.65  
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Miseries of human life Arthur French — 80 60  
Weekly Inspector Do — 0 50  
Lot of Emeralds Do — 0 19  
Monthly Magazine Do — 0 90  
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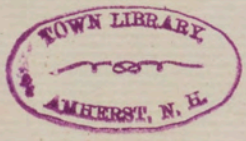
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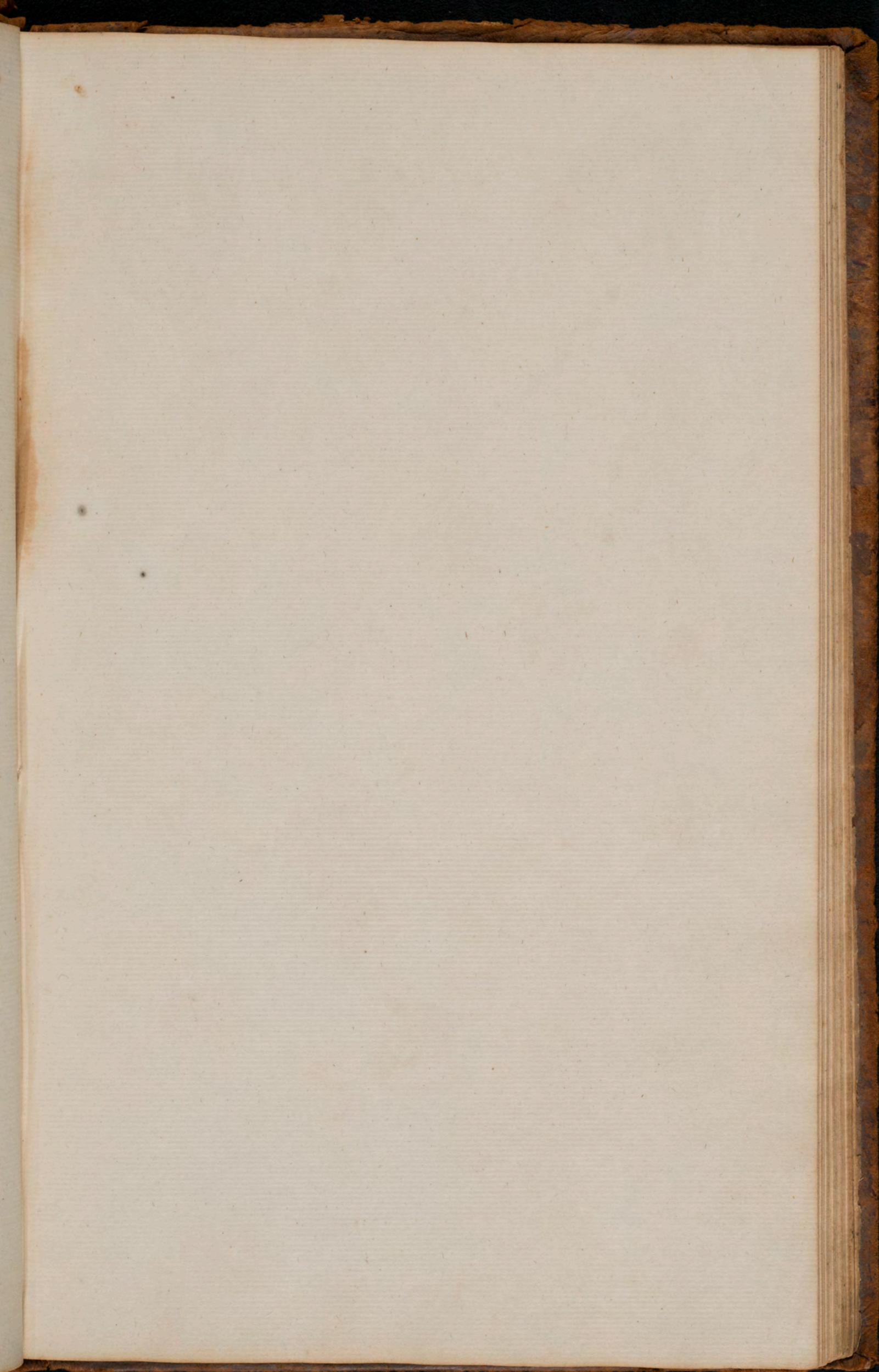
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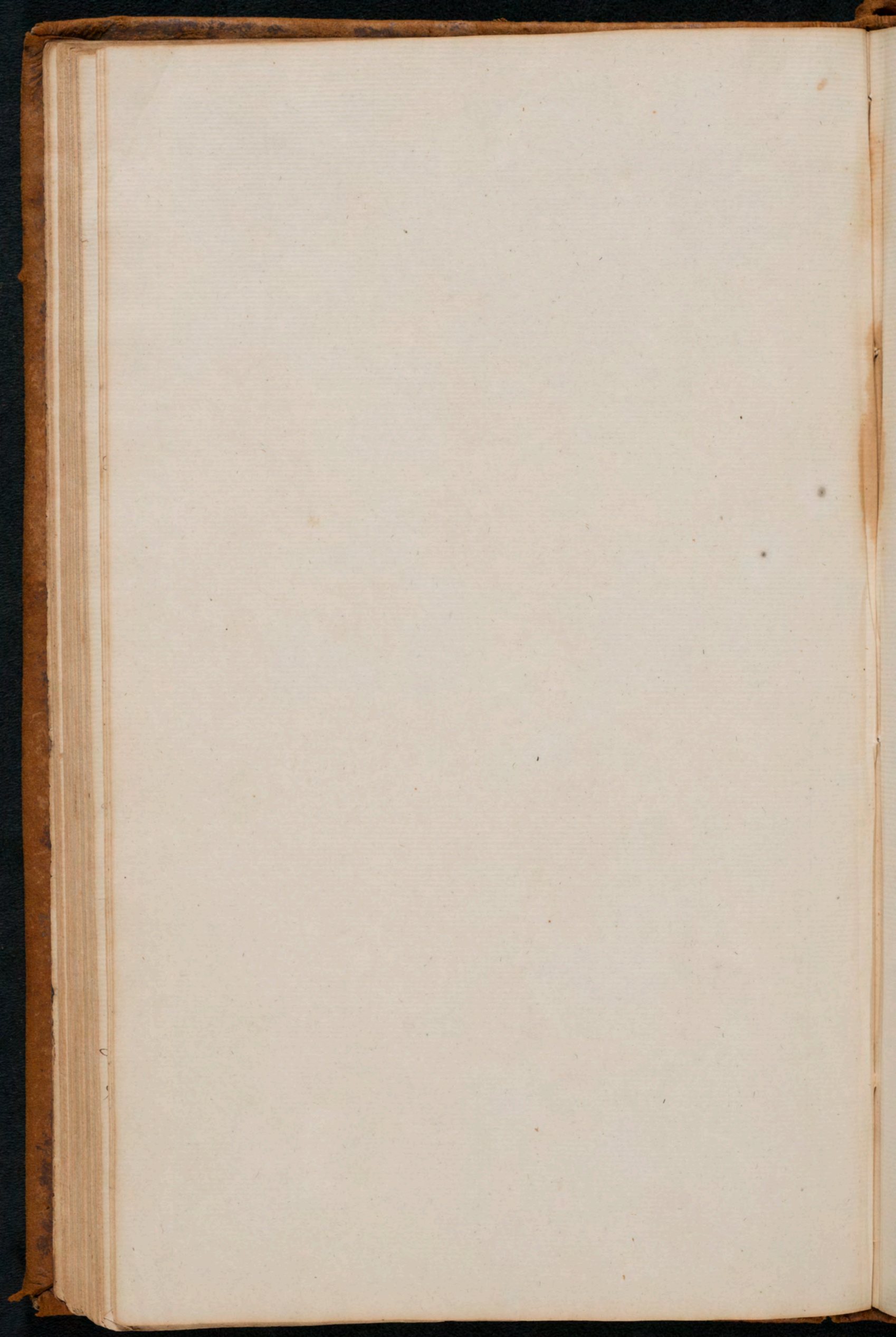
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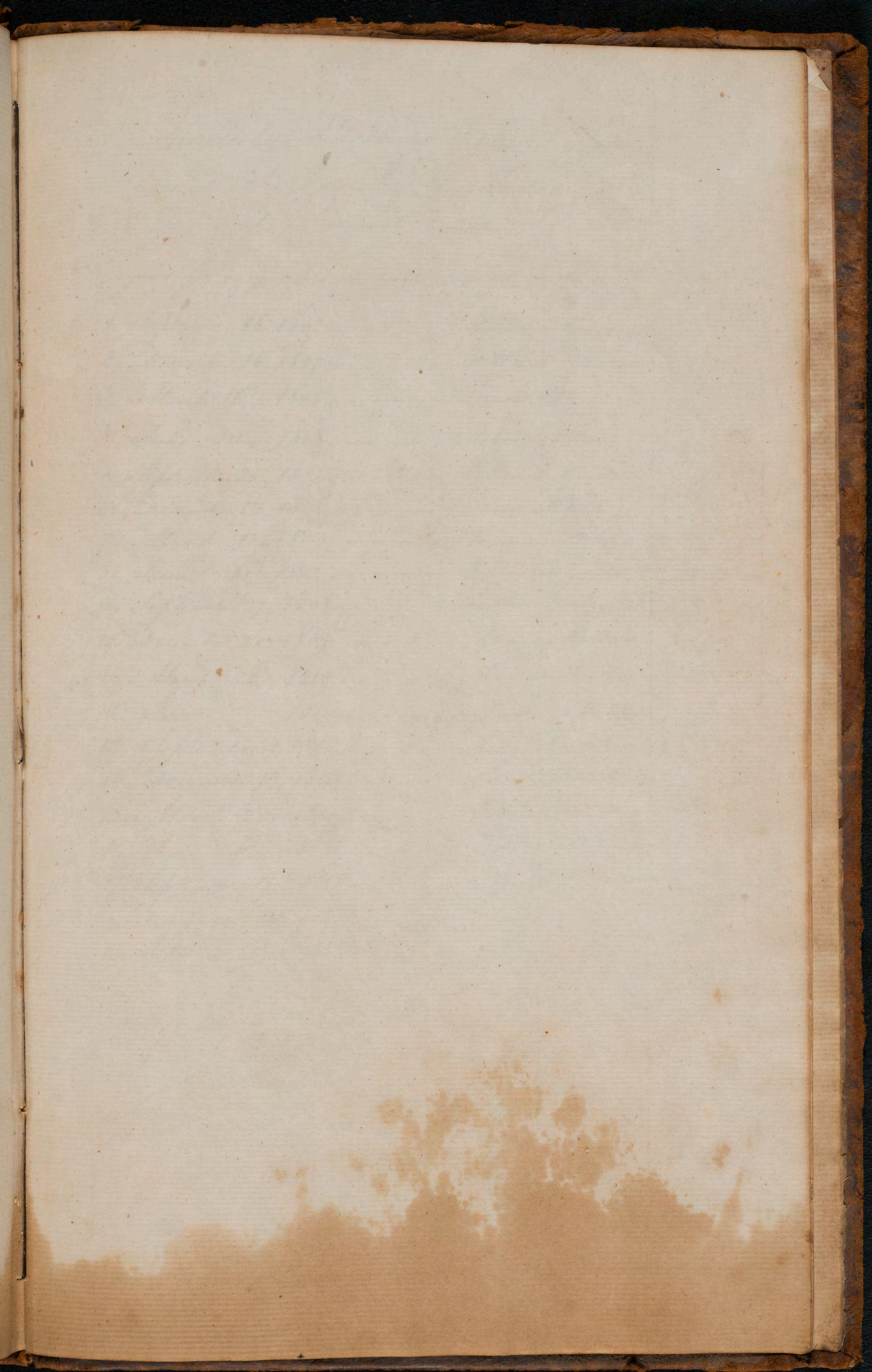
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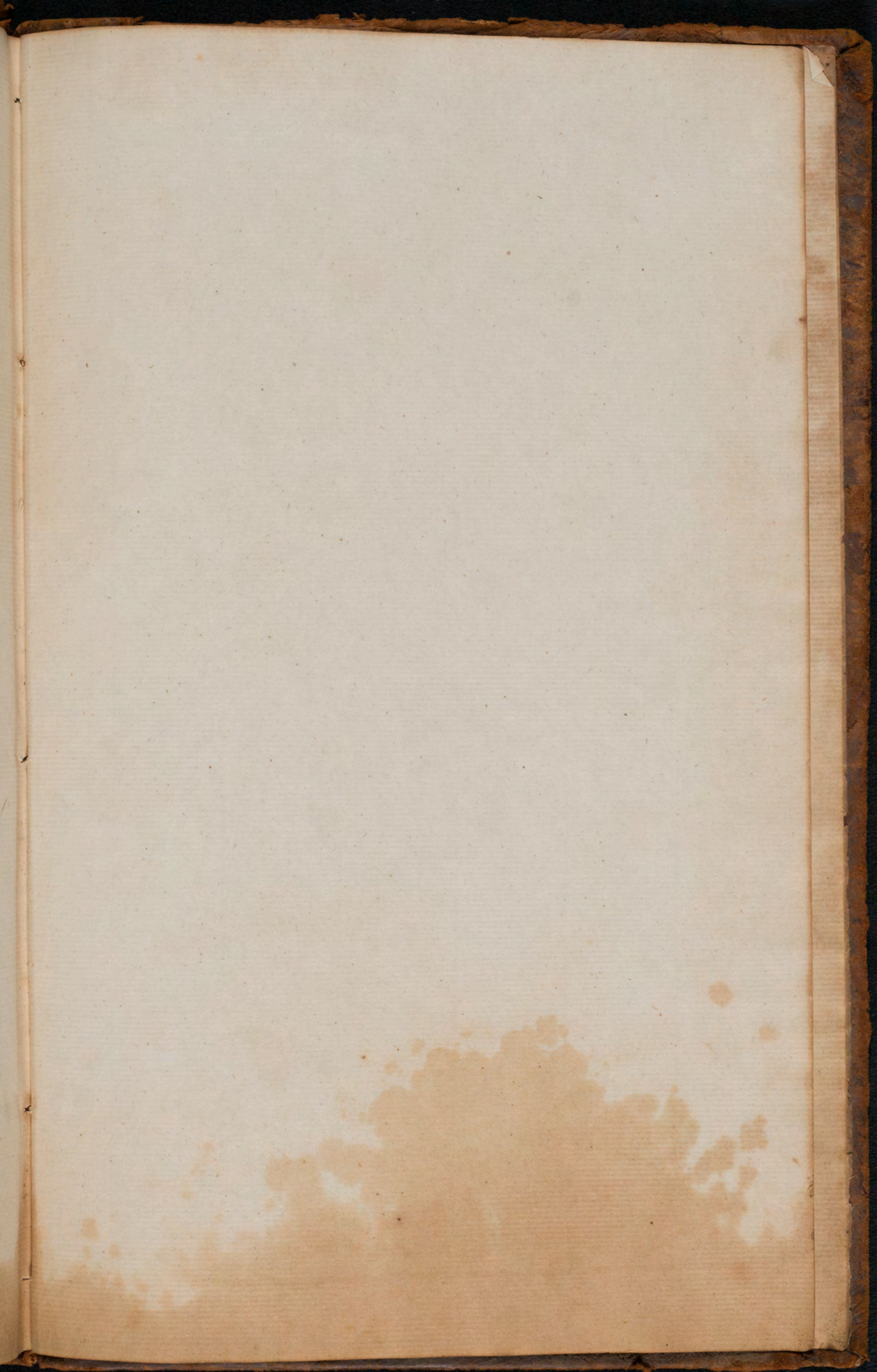
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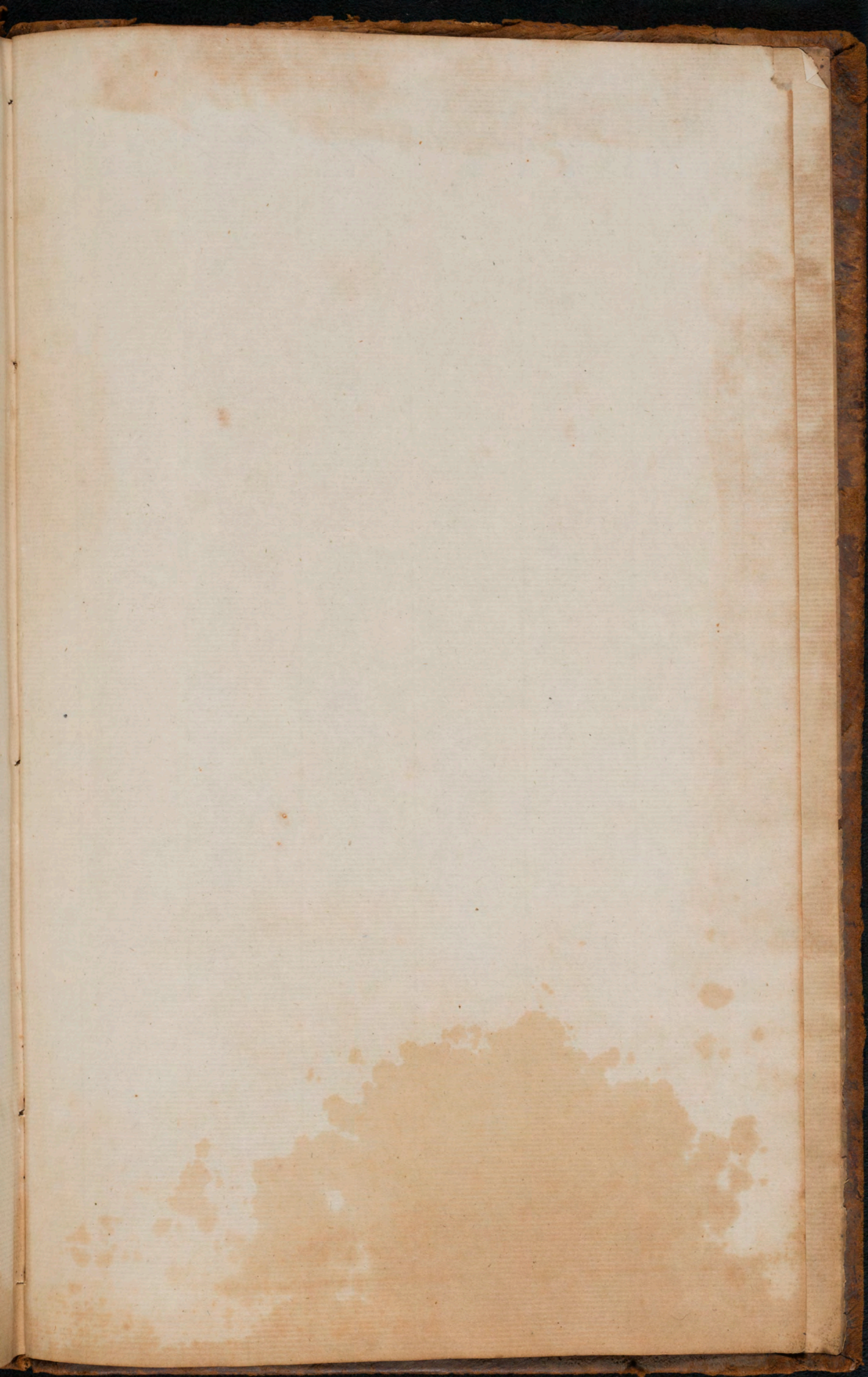
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5. September 21, 1808 - - - - William Gordon
6. December 14, 1808 - - - - Isaac Hill
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