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TRENTON, *January 20th*, 1853.

THIS being the day for the annual meeting of the Society, the members convened in Temperance Hall, in this city, at 12 o'clock at noon. As the President and Vice Presidents were absent, the Rev. NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D., Chairman of the Executive Committee, was called upon to preside. Mr. HAYES, the Recording Secretary, not being present, Mr. JOHN RODGERS was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. WHITEHEAD, the Corresponding Secretary, laid upon the table the correspondence of the Society since September, drawing attention particularly to letters from Rev. RICHARD WEBSTER, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, of Alleghany; and ROYAL R. HINMAN, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., acknowledging their election as members; from BENJAMIN FRENCH, Esq., of New York, asking for donations for the New Orleans Library; from MANNING T. FORCE, Esq., Secretary of the Ohio Historical and Philosophical Society, suggesting an application to Congress for books; from CHAS. C. RAFFN, Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen, referring to the current errors respecting the visits of the Northmen to the coasts of America, and transmitting a correct statement, based upon Danish authorities; from the Smithsonian Institution, American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Connecticut Historical Society, and different gentlemen, in relation to the operations of the Society. The communication from the Society

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THE REV. DAVID BOSTWICK, OF NEW YORK, TO THE SAME.

NEW YORK, Jan'y 1. 1759.

* * As to the Colledge, I must also be a messenger of bad tydings. Mr. Davies has sent his absolute refusal, grounded on some information he received of a party against him, both among ye trustees and among ministers, w'ch occasioned some uneasiness when ye trustees met. In truth ye trustees are divided between Mesars. Davies and Finley; and party spirit, I'm afraid, runs pretty high. I fear ye consequence; the majority have carryed it yt Mr. Davies shall be try'd again, as they suppose his denial was founded on misrepresentations. Mr. Green is President *pro tempore* till next May. If Mr. Davies can't be obtained, I hope all will acquiesce in Mr. Finley. * * *

THE REV. GIDEON HAWLEY, OF MASHPEE, MASS., TO THE SAME.

MASHPEE, 23 Dec'r, 1760.

P. S. In regard to Calvinistic liberty, permit me to say that I fear our young gentlemen candidates do not sufficiently study ye doctrine; yr is no speculative point in our scheme more important than yt. Why would it not be best for you, Sir, to recommend it to Presid't Davies to have Mr. Edwards on ye subject recited by the senior Sophisters? Some who have left ye College don't under (stand) it as we should expect they would have done, had Presid't Edwards lived.

THE REV. DAVID BOSTWICK TO THE SAME.

NEW YORK, March 17, 1761.

* * * Mr. Davies' death has struck us into astonishment, and spread a gloom all over ye country. I believe there never was a Colledge happier in a President, or in a more flourishing state; he far exceeded the expectations of his best friends. As you was not personally acquainted, you can hardly conceive what prodigious, uncommon