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Nassau-Hall, September 27, 1759. Yesterday the annual Commencement was held here. The Revd. Mr. Samuel Davies, lately elected President of the College of New-Jersey, delivered a Latin Oration, to the universal Applause of all his learned and numerous Auditors. The young Gentlemen (about 25 in Number) who were admitted to the usual Degrees in the Arts, performed the accustomed Exercises with uncommon Facility and Correctness. The whole Ceremony concluded with the following Ode, set to Music by Mr. James Lyon,¹ one of the Students.

CHEERFUL, fearless, and at ease,
On the downy Lap of Peace,
In the gentle Muses' Seat,
Unmov'd at War's tremendous Roar,
That Consternation spreads from Shore to Shore,
O'er solid Continents, and tossing Waves,
From haughty Monarchs down to Slaves,
Low cringing at their Feet;
Far from Terror's loud Alarms
Peaceful NASSAU! in thee we sing—
We sing great GEORGE upon the Throne,
And AMHERST brave in Arms,
AMHERST brave in Arms;
While BERNARD, in their milder charms
Makes the royal Virtues known.

CHO.—*We sing great George, &c. &c.*

¹James Lyon was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick in 1762, and was ordained by the same body, December 5, 1764, to go to Nova Scotia, where he labored in the ministry for several years. In 1771 he removed to Machias, Me., preaching there under great difficulties, especially during the Revolution. He supplied the pulpit of Newtown, L. I., for two or three years until the spring of 1785. He died October 12, 1794. He is said to have been of Irish birth. In the *New American Magazine* (published at Woodbridge, N. J.), for September, 1759, appears an original ode, "Louisburg Taken," introduced by a note, signed "Al - - - s" (i. e., Alumnus), in which the writer asks his readers to "impute any impropriety in the Performance, or Incorrectness in Measure, to the Unskilfulness of a Lyre, touch'd by unexperienced Youth." The ode is two pages in length, and is signed "Nassovian," with the date, "E. Jersey, Aug. 1, 1759." It is probably from the pen of Mr Lyon.

The Sword of the *Lord* and of Amherst from far,
 Gleaming tremendous, determines the War,
 At th' approaching Vengeance struck
 Gallie Slaves, tho' long enur'd
 To face the wide-destroying Sword
 At a proud Tyrant's Word,
 Now disorder'd and broke,
 Despairing, confounded,
 By AMHERST's Name subdu'd,
 By dread of Vengeance close pursu'd,
 Vengeance due to sacred British Blood,
 The useless Sword they drop,
 Nor dare for safety hope,
 But in swift flight,
 Beneath the Shade of Guilt concealing Night.
We sing great GEORGE upon the throne,
And AMHERST brave in Arms,
While BERNARD, in their milder charms,
Make the royal Virtues known,
 Happy, happy, happy, still,
 Safe from all the Alarms of ill,
 While GEORGE, the Friend of Man, adorns the Throne,
 And Amherst shines in Arms,
 While BERNARD makes the royal Virtues known,
 In all their milder Charms
 Happy, &c. &c.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of William Wood, late of Six Mile Run, in Sommerset-County, East-New-Jersey, deceased, are desired forthwith to ballance with the Subscriber, Administrator to the said Estate: And all those having Demands on the same, are also requested not to delay bringing in their Accounts by the First Day of November, at which Time the Administrator is obliged to be on the Premises, in order to adjust the Accounts and settle the Affairs of the Estate, as far as it will admit. It is hoped no one concerned will fail giving their Attendance on the Day appointed.

W. WOOD, Ad.