

**Centre College**

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*Notes: There are several references in the minutes to the "college edifice." This refers to today's Old Centre. Another building frequently mentioned is the Refectory. Constructed in 1824 to provide boarding for Centre students, in 1831 it became the home of the college's president. From 1823 on the minutes contain extensive notes on the "Asylum" or "Institution" for the Deaf and Dumb, would later become the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Centre's Trustees administered the school from its founding until 1870. In 1826 the federal government granted the Trustees one township of land in Florida. It then became the Trustees responsibility to survey and sell the land to provide funds to help support the institution.*

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Incorporated January 21, 1819. J. C. Young *[John C. Young]*

### **Danville February 1, 1819**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky on the first day of February 1819 at the house of Elizabeth Davenport pursuant to the Act of Incorporation, the following persons appeared and took the oath prescribed by said act as trustees of said College, to wit Isaac Shelby, John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, James Birney, Jeremiah Briscoe, James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, Joshua Fry, William Craig, David G. Cowan

*John Rochester*

David G. Cowan was appointed Clerk pro tem. The Board then proceeded to choose a Chairman, when Isaac Shelby was unanimously chosen.

Resolved that the Board elects pursuant to the contract heretofore made with John Cochran by Joshua Fry, Ephraim McDowell, and David G. Cowan

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on the part of the Trustees of the Danville Academy to take seven acres of land as laid off by Archibald Bilbo, Surveyor of Mercer County, as appears by his plat and certificate bearing date December 3, 1818, produced to this Board and ordered to be filed as the ground to be appropriated to the use of the College.

There was presented to the Board two papers purporting to be subscriptions to the College of Kentucky, one amounting to the sum of \$109.75, the other to \$850 - which papers were ordered to be filed.

Ordered that John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, William Craig be

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a committee to prepare and report to the next meeting of this Board a suitable address to the public stating the views of this Board with regard to the institution.

Resolved that if expedient that the Board should with all reasonable dispatch cause suitable buildings to be erected for the use of the College, and that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a suitable plan for

said buildings and that probable expense, and that Joshua Fry, James Birney, Jeremiah Fisher, Joshua Barbee, and Jeremiah Briscoe be that committee.

Ordered that David G. Cowan be a committee to procure a seal with suitable device for this corporation.

Resolved that each member of this Board will use his best exertion to procure donations and subscriptions

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for the use of the College, and that Thomas Montgomery, Nathan H. Hall, Thomas Cleland, Barnabas McHenry, Samuel McKee, and John Boyle be a committee to attend specially to that duty, and that the Clerk draw the form of a subscription paper and cause 150 copies to be printed so framing said copies that the money subscribed shall be payable in four equal annual installments.

Ordered that John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, and David G. Cowan be a committee to draft and report a code of bylaws for the government of this Board.

James Birney was appointed Treasurer pro tem of this Board.

The Board was then adjourned to meet again at this place on the 15th instant at 11 o'clock a.m.

*Isaac Shelby, David G. Cowan, Clerk pro tem*

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**Danville February 15, 1819**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky pursuant to adjournment, present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, Joshua Fry, James Birney, Jeremiah Briscoe, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan

Joshua Barbee appeared and took his seat as a member of the Board, having taken the oath required by law before Jeremiah Clemens, Esq., a Justice of Peace for Mercer County.

Nathan H. Hall, Thomas Cleland, and Barnabas McHenry appeared and took the oath required by law before Edward Worthington, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Mercer County.

Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, and William Craig appeared and took their seats.

The committee appointed at last meeting reported an address

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to the public which being twice read was unanimously adopted and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board, and ordered that it be published in the newspapers, and that the Clerk cause to be printed in pamphlet form 1,000 copies of said address.

Resolved that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for the erection of a principal College edifice, and that the committee appointed to draft a plan thereof have further time to report, and that Ephraim McDowell and James Barbour be added to that committee.

Joshua Fry resigned his seat as a member of this Board.

The Board then chose John Green to fill the vacancy on the Board occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Fry, who thereupon appeared and took the oath prescribed the law before Edward Worthington, Esq., a Justice of the Peace, and who is added in place of Mr. Fry to the committee to draft a plan for the building.

The Board then adjourned to meet at this on Friday next at 11 o'clock.

*Isaac Shelby, David G. Cowan, Clerk*

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**Danville February 19, 1819**

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, Joshua Barbee, James Birney, John Green, John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, Samuel K. Nelson, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, James Barbour.

The committee appointed to report a draft of the College edifice made a report which was adopted, and it is further ordered that David G. Cowan be added to that committee, and that they be authorized to contract for the building upon such terms as they may deem advisable, and that they also have leave to make any important alteration in said plan as they may deem proper.

Ordered that the account of James Gilmore of \$10 be paid.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay two dollars per

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day for the use of the room which was occupied by this Board, including the past meeting of this Board. The Board was then adjourned to meet at this place on the 4th Monday in March next.

*Isaac Shelby*

**Danville April 3, 1819**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, James Birney, John Green, Ephraim McDowell, John Boyle, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan.

The committee to contract for building reported a contract with Richard D. Crutchfield and Robert Russel, which was approved by the Board and signed

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by the Chairman and members.

The Board proceeded to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Joshua Barbee and the refusal of John Bowman to serve, when upon a ballot it appeared Joseph McDowell and Edward Worthington were duly elected.

David G. Cowan is appointed to collect the monies due for sale of public ground [*Constitution Square*] and pay over to the Treasurer to enable the latter to comply with contract made for the erection of the College edifice, and that he be authorized to receive negotiable notes with a good endorser or endorsers.

Ordered that the Chairman give to Mr. [*Samuel K.*] Nelson a certificate of his appointment to solicit donations for the institution.

Ordered that David G. Cowan be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the costs incurred in printing and engraving a seal ordered by the Board.

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Ordered that John Green and David G. Cowan be a committee to call upon John Cochran for and receive a deed for the seven acres of land purchased of him.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned to meet at this place on the 1st Saturday in May next.

*Isaac Shelby, David G. Cowan, Secretary pro tem*

#### **Danville August 5, 1819**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, John Boyle, William Owsley, Samuel McKee, Samuel K. Nelson, Nathan H. Hall, James Birney, John Green, James Barbour,

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Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan.

William Owsley and Samuel McKee produced a certificate of their having taken the oath required before a Justice of the Peace, and thereupon took their seats.

Joseph McDowell and William Craig appeared and took seats.

John Green and Joseph McDowell, Esqs., are appointed as collectors of the funds due the institution in the room of David G. Cowan, who is about to be absent, and they are authorized to use their discretion as to any coercion to be used in the collection of any monies due the College, and also to receive notes for the same as they may deem expedient.

Ordered that John Boyle, Samuel McKee, Nathan H. Hall, John Green, and Ephraim McDowell be a committee, any three to have power to act to select a suitable person as professor or teacher of mathematics in this institution, and that they report their selection to the Board for confirmation.

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Ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to contract for the erection of a College edifice be authorized during the progress of the building to make such unimportant alterations as they may deem necessary, not essentially altering the plan, and that Samuel K. Nelson be added in the room of David G. Cowan who will be absent.

David G. Cowan is appointed to solicit donations to this institution.

James Barbour is appointed Clerk of this Board pro tem in the room of David G. Cowan.

The Board then adjourned to meet on first Saturday in September next.

*Isaac Shelby*

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#### **Danville September 4, 1819**

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, James Birney, Thomas Montgomery, William Craig, Samuel K. Nelson, Ephraim McDowell, John Green, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour.

Edward Worthington produced a certificate of his having taken the oath prescribed by law and took his seat.

Thomas Montgomery, a member of the Board, produced a paper containing subscriptions to the College by Goodman Oldham and others amounting in the whole to \$405, which was ordered to be filed and preserved by the Clerk.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned to meet again on the third Saturday in November next.

*Isaac Shelby*

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#### **Danville March 4, 1820**

At a meeting of a Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, William Craig, Thomas Montgomery, Joseph McDowell, Edward Worthington, Jeremiah Briscoe, John Green, Jeremiah Fisher, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, James Barbour. The Honorable John Boyle was appointed Chairman pro tem.

Ordered that Joseph McDowell, Edward Worthington, and David G. Cowan be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee to make a settlement with the trustees of the town of Danville, and ascertain what sum has been paid by the latter to the Treasurer of the Centre College, and how much remains unpaid of the several sums due for a

part of the public square *[Constitution Square]*, the proceeds whereof have been appropriated for the benefit of the said Centre College, and make report to the next Board.

James Birney, a member, appeared and took his seat.

Ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to receive a deed from *[John]* Cochran and wife be empowered to rescind the contract with him so far as relates to the

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extension of the Main and Back *[Walnut]* streets of Danville, and purchase from him the strip of ground extending between the College lot and Presbyterian Church yard *[College Street]*, from the main road to the south east corner of the College lot - said committee are hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum necessary for paying for said ground when purchased.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of two dollars and fifty cents to printers for advertising notice to mechanics to build College edifice.

Resolved that the salary of a professor of mathematics, who shall also perform the duty of president pro tem, be \$1,200 per annum. The Rev. James McChord was then unanimously elected Professor of Mathematics, and it is ordered that his appointment be communicated to him by the Chairman of the Board.

Ordered that Ephraim McDowell, Edward Worthington, Jeremiah Fisher, and James Barbour be a committee to settle the amounts of the Treasurer and collectors heretofore appointed and report to the next Board.

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Ordered that the committee appointed to make a settlement with the trustees the town of Danville make out a detailed statement of all the funds and effects belonging to this institution and report to the next Board.

Ordered that the collectors of debts due to this institution be authorized to receive in payment stock of the Bank of Kentucky at a rate not exceeding \$90 for each share.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this Board pay the amount of a note drawn by John Green payee at the Danville Branch Bank for \$500, which was borrowed for the benefit of this institution, so soon as he may have funds in his hands which can be spared for that purpose, and that if said note shall require to be renewed in bank, the treasurer as such will renew the same.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned to meet again at this place on the Friday succeeding the first Monday in April next.

*John Boyle, David C. Cowan, Clerk*

**Friday August 11, 1820**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Isaac Shelby, Chairman, John Boyle, William Owsley, Thomas Montgomery, Samuel McKee, William Craig, John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, James Birney, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, David G. Cowan.

The committee appointed to settle with the trustees of the town of Danville beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned and beg leave to report that this Board is indebted to the town as per account herewith in the sum of \$61.50, all which is respectfully submitted.

*Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, August 11, 1820*

which account is as follows:

<b>Trustees of Danville in Account with Centre College of Kentucky</b>			
Debit		Credit	
<b>1819</b>		<b>1819</b>	
March 1			
Amount Sales of Public Ground	\$5,029.92	By T. T. Carrison's note	\$1161.00
		By James G. Birney's note	\$675.00
November 28		By Robert Davenports's note	\$567.00
Amount 1/2 Proceeds of 2nd sale	<u>\$666.00</u>	By Gray and Stewart's note	\$546.00
		By William A. McDowell's note	\$561.00
		By J. Gailey's note	\$1,519.92
		By David Bell's 2 notes	\$393.00
		By Jeremiah Fisher's 2 notes	\$167.75
		By Willis Curd's note	<u>\$168.75</u>
	\$5,757.42		\$5,757.42
		By Balance due Trustees of Town	\$61.50

We, Joseph McDowell, David G. Cowan, and Edward Worthington, Committee of the Centre College of Kentucky, and Benjamin H. Perkins, William Miller, and Michael G. Youce, Trustees of the Town of Danville, do certify we believe the foregoing account to be accurate and just, given under our hand this 16 day of May 1820.

*Joseph McDowell, David G. Cowan, Edward Worthington*

The committees appointed to settle with the Treasurer and collectors have further time to report.

Information of the death of the Rev. James McChord, professor elect in this institution

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was received, whereupon ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to select a suitable person as professor of mathematics resume their duties.

The Board proceeded to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation now handed in of Barnabas McHenry when Robert B. McAfee was unanimously elected, and it ordered that the secretary inform him of the same.

The committee appointed to arrange with John Cochran respecting the contract for opening certain streets reported a contract they had entered into with him upon that subject, which was approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Building Committee be authorized to receive the College edifice from the contractor, and also to permit it to be occupied for the present as a grammar school by Mr. Maury, and that

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they be further authorized to cause to be erected a suitable necessary upon the College lot and draw upon the treasurer for the cost of the same.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned to meet again on the Saturday succeeding the 2nd Monday in September next.

*James Birney, Clerk pro tem*

**Danville March 30, 1821**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present The Reverend Thomas Cleland, President pro tem, Reverend Samuel K. Nelson, Robert B. McAfee, Jeremiah Fisher, James Birney, John Green, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, Clerk pro tem.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and collectors of this institution be received, which said report is under date of 3rd instant.

Resolved that Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, James Birney, and James Barbour be appointed a commit

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tee to draw up and report to this Board for its approval, rules for the government of the Treasurer, collectors, and Secretary in the collection, keeping, and disbursing the funds and keeping the accounts of this institution.

Resolved that Samuel K. Nelson, Robert B. McAfee, John Boyle, Thomas Montgomery, and John Green, Esqs., be a committee to employ a suitable person to teach the mathematics for a term not exceeding one year and for a salary not exceeding \$1,000 per annum.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board give notice in writing to Francis F. Maury, Esq., of his appointment as a professor of languages in this institution with a salary of \$1,000 per annum, his duties as such to commence on the first Monday in July next, and then the Board adjourned.

**Danville, May 8, 1821**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky convened at Danville on 8th May 1821, John Boyle, William Owsley, Nathan H. Hall, Thomas Cleland, Samuel K. Nelson, Jeremiah Briscoe, John Green, William Craig, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, Robert B. McAfee, Ephraim McDowell. The Chairman being absent the Honorable John Boyle was chosen Chairman.

The committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the officers and collectors of the Board reported the following which was adopted as follows:

**Rules for the Government of the Secretary**

Resolved that the Secretary shall keep

a record of the proceedings of the Board, and for this purpose shall give his attendance. He shall also record all the contracts, leases, and deeds which have been made and not already received or may hereafter be made. He shall carefully preserve the books and papers of the Board. He shall keep an exact account of all debts and credits that now exist or may hereafter arise between the institution and any other person or persons. He shall keep accounts with the professors of this institution, and every other officer, person, or persons entitled to receive from the treasury salaries or wages fixed by order of the Board. He shall settle all accounts for building, purchasing property, and making improvements on the College lot which have been made or may hereafter be made by order of the Board. He shall settle the accounts of all debtors and collectors of money or other property due and belonging to the institution and payable to the Treasurer and may call on three or more of the Board to assist him in difficult cases. He shall certify to the Treasurer such settlement, and the amount due from such debtor or collector. He shall draw warrants on the Treasurer in favor of any person entitled to money from the treasury, and make an entry in his book of every warrant, which

he shall draw on the Treasurer in order as he shall open them, so as to be enabled to show the date, the name of the person in whose favor it was drawn, and the nature of the claim upon which it was founded. He shall lay before the Board annually or oftener if required the said general account together with an account of all balances due to and from this institution. He is to receive such compensation as the Board may prescribe.

**Treasurer**

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and he is hereby required and authorized to demand of the several collectors of money or *[illegible word]* property belonging to this institution and payable into the treasury all such money or property and shall apply and use the same for such uses only as shall be from time to time directed by the Board. That he shall not pay or receive any money on account of this institution but on warrant or certificate from the Secretary. That he shall keep in a book to be provided at the expense of the Board just, true,

and faithful accounts of all monies received from time to time of the several collectors and other persons, and also of all such sum or sums as he shall pay out of the treasury pursuant to such order or orders as may be made by the Board - which accounts shall be so kept as that the net proceeds of the money paid in and out of the treasury for every purchase or service shall appear separate and distinct from each other. That he shall annually or whenever required by the Board, lay before them or a committee appointed by them all the accounts and vouchers of the treasury for money received or paid out or expended for any purpose whatever, and if required produce the money in his hands and such committee shall make report thereof to the Board.

### **Collectors**

Resolved that the collectors shall receipt to the Secretary for all notes, accounts, or subscriptions which shall be put into his or their hands for collection. That they shall settle their accounts with the Secretary and pay to the Treasurer at the end of every six months all monies belonging to this institution received or collected by them during that period and take his receipt which they shall deliver to the Secretary who shall give them a quietus for the amount paid. That they shall, whenever in their opinion the safety of the institution requires it, bring suits against debtors or use such other means for the collection or securing of the debts as they shall think most advisable.

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Resolved that the engagement made by the committee appointed for that purpose with Mr. Chesley as a teacher of mathematics for a limited time from 16th April last to 1 July next be approved, and that the advancement to him by the Treasurer of the sum of \$100 in part of his salary at the rate of \$1,000 per annum be also approved.

The Board proceeded to the election of a President of the College when the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Griffin was unanimously elected to that office, and that his salary be \$1,500 per annum with a convenient house free of rent.

Resolved that John Boyle, Robert B. McAfee, John Green, Thomas Cleland, Nathan H. Hall be a committee to draft and report to the next Board a memorial to be presented to the next

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Legislature.

Ordered John. Boyle, Thomas Cleland, Nathan H. Hall, and Samuel K. Nelson be a committee to march upon Dr. Griffin and communicate his unanimous election.

Samuel K. Nelson and Nathan H. Hall are severally authorized and empowered to solicit and receive subscriptions and donations to the College.

The Board than adjourned to meet on the last Thursday in June next.

*John Boyle*

**Danville, February 15, 1822**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present William Owsley, James Birney, John Green, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour,

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William Craig, Jeremiah Fisher, Edward Worthington, Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan. The regular Chairman not being present, William Owsley was unanimously chosen to preside.

Information was given to the Board of the engagements of Mr. Daly and Mr. Dougherty by Mr. Green and others as instructors in the College which are ratified and approved by the Board, the former at a salary of \$400 per annum payable on half in specie and also to have his board paid, and the latter at the rate of \$400 per annum.

And it is further ordered that Mr. Green have credit with the institution for the sum paid by him for this purpose with an allowance of the premium paid upon such payments as he made in specie, and that the Treasurer have credit for the amount paid Mr. Dougherty.

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The Rev. Samuel Finley is appointed president pro tem with a salary of \$1,000 per annum payable quarterly. Ordered that Messrs. Green, Nelson, and Craig be a committee to inform him of his appointment.

David G. Cowan declined further service in the office of Clerk, whereupon James Harlan was unanimously appointed to the same, who took charge of the books and papers of the Board.

The following rules were adopted for the government of the Board for the government of the College and in relation to the fees of tuition.

James Birney, James Barbour, and Jeremiah Fisher are appointed a committee under the 1st Section, Chapter 1, 2nd of the Bylaws, upon repairs, etc., of buildings. John Green, Joseph McDowell, and Edward Worthington committee to superintend collections of debts.

Ordered that the committee

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heretofore appointed to correspond with suitable persons to enable the Board to select a suitable president continue their duties.

John Green, James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, or any two of them, are appointed a committee with power to engage an instructor or instructors in the College if they deem it necessary, and agree with them upon a compensation till the further order of the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Harlan, Secretary, William Owsley*

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky that the following rules and regulations for the government of the Board of Trustees and for the government of the College be adopted, and be in force from the passage thereof.

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## **Rules for the Government of the Board**

### Chapter I

1. There shall be two regular meetings of the Board in each year semiannually on the 3rd Monday in January and July, the latter being Commencement. The Board shall likewise be convened whenever the Chairman, or any three members of it, shall direct in writing. When such extraordinary meeting is ordered due notice thereof shall be given in the *Olive Branch* published in Danville and by the Clerk personally to such members as may be convenient.
2. The rules and regulations of the House of Representatives of Kentucky, so far as the same are applicable, shall govern the Board in its deliberation proceedings.
3. The Trustees are to attend at Commencement and if practicable on days of public examination and exercises.

### Chapter II

1. At each January meeting of the Board, the following committees shall be appointed: a committee of three to inspect the buildings and other property of the College and to cause all necessary repairs to be made; a committee of three to superintend the collection of debts and to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and to report at each stated meeting of the Board; and a committee of three to inspect the library and philosophical apparatus and to examine the accounts of the librarian and to report at each stated meeting of the Board.

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### Chapter III

1. The Chairman of the Board shall be authorized to draw in favor of the Treasurer from time to time for all dividends arising upon stock belonging to the College, his order being attested by the Clerk.
2. It shall be the duty of each member of the Board to visit the College as often as his convenience will permit.

## **For the Government of the College**

### Chapter I

1. All damages done to glass or any part of the College edifice or furniture shall be repaired by the student or students by whom the damage was done within ten days, if not shall be subject to a fine to be assessed by the Faculty not exceeding \$10 besides the amount of the injury, which if not paid by the student or his parent or guardian within one month after notice, such student or students be by the Faculty suspended.

## Chapter II

1. It is particularly enjoined upon the students to attend divine worship. Same when on the Sabbath.

## Chapter III

1. Every student shall deport himself towards the president, professors and instructors and each of them with all possible respect. He shall observe the strictest decorum while in the class, neither doing nor countenancing anything

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which may tend to incommode his instructor or divert the attention of his fellow students.

2. No student shall possess or exhibit any indecent picture, nor purchase nor read any lascivious or indecent books, and if any student shall be convicted thereof, or of swearing profanely, playing at any unlawful game, or other gross immorality, he shall be punished according to the nature of his offense.
3. No student shall quarrel with, insult, or abuse a fellow student, nor any other person whatever. No student shall go to a tavern nor any other public house for the purpose of entertainment or amusement without permission from an instructor, nor shall he associate nor keep company with persons of bad character.
4. No hallooing, loud talking, whistling, jumping, or other disturbing noise or act shall be permitted in the buildings of the College, nor disorderly conduct in the town by a student, nor shall any student disturb or attempt any imposition on his fellow student in any manner whatsoever.
5. If any student offending against the laws should presume to leave the College without a certificate from the Faculty of his conduct or standing whilst there, it shall be at the discretion of the Faculty to make the name of such offender

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public with the nature of the offense.

6. No student shall engage or assist in any theatrical performance unless permitted by the Faculty.
7. The students shall treat all persons with whom they have intercourse with decency and respect, and shall on all occasions observe the commands of the officers.

## Chapter IV

1. The punishments of the College are as follows: private admonition or reprehension, admonition before the professors and instructors, admonition before the class of the offender or in the presence of a select number of persons, public reprehension and admonition in the presence of all the students, degradation in the class or to a lower class, suspension from the privileges of the institution, dismissal from the College without expulsion, and lastly, public expulsion. Except the first and third, which may be applied by any instructor, the application of the other punishments according to the degree of the offense shall be made by the Faculty. The professors and tutors are authorized to make use of the rod as a punishment on all offenders under the age of 12 years.

2. Every professor shall cause an exact roll to be kept of each class attending upon his instruction. The roll shall be punctually called over

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at the hour of attendance and all absentees marked. An abstract of this roll, insofar as it relates to each student, shall be transmitted semiannually to his parent or guardian.

#### Chapter V

1. Complaint of misdemeanor in a student must be made in the first instance to the President or one of the professors, who unless the offense be so flagrant as in his judgment to require the interference of the Faculty, shall privately admonish the offender, and upon failure of success may at his discretion bring the offender before the Faculty.
2. The punishment of public admonition, degradation, suspension, dismissal, and expulsion shall be inflicted only in virtue of an act of the Faculty with the advice and concurrence of five Trustees.
3. A student whom it may be necessary to bring before the Faculty shall have due notice of the time and place of its meeting, and shall be allowed to defend himself.
4. When a charge of misconduct shall be preferred against a student, the Faculty shall have power to require the attendance of any student to testify against the delinquent, and it shall be the

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duty of such witness to disclose his knowledge of the facts touching said charge. On pain of being guilty of contumacy, provided that no student shall be compelled to give testimony which may condemn himself.

5. All public punishments shall be according to the written form which shall be read aloud by the President or one of the professors, and shall be entered on the records of the Faculty.

#### Chapter VI

1. There shall be annually a public examination in the presence of the Faculty, a committee of the Trustees, and such other persons as may choose to attend, beginning on the first Wednesday before Commencement, in the studies of the preceding year. Every member of a class shall attend punctually and orderly, and answer such questions as the President or any instructor or any member of the committee of Trustees may propose.
2. The examinations are to be close and rigid, every student being left to stand or fall upon his proper merits, due tenderness being at the same time

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shown, that the effects of perturbation may be avoided as much as possible.

3. At the close of every examination the students shall be ranked according to their respective merits.
4. Honorary testimonials of the first, second, and third grades decorated with the seal of the College, and with suitable devices shall be adjudged at the annual examination to such students as may distinguish themselves.

5. No student who shall obtain an honorary testimonial of the first grade twice in succession shall be a competitor for a premium thereafter, unless he shall appear to have grown negligent, in which case he shall lose the premium implied by exclusion and be again put on the list of competitors.
6. The names of all students who shall obtain honorary testimonials or possess the honor of exclusion from competition shall be announced by the President at the public commencement, and he shall also confer these testimonials in the presence of the assembly.

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7. Two weeks shall be allowed for revision previous to the annual examination.

#### Chapter VII

1. Previous payment of all College dues and the return of all books taken by a candidate from the library are also required before any honorary distinction is conferred.
2. There shall be one vacation from Commencement for six weeks. The stated exercises after those in the morning will not be required on the days of public exhibition nor on Christmas day nor on the 4th day of July.
3. No student shall be absent a day without leave granted for some good reason by the instructors whose exercises he is required to attend, nor shall he prolong the absence beyond the time granted. If his absence exceeds three months his relation to the College will cease without some cause be assigned satisfactory to the Faculty.

#### Chapter VIII

##### Library

1. A librarian shall be appointed by the Faculty from among the instructors or students every year. He shall arrange and number the books belonging to the library, make a catalogue thereof, and have repairs when necessary made.
2. No person except a professor, officer, or trustee shall be admitted to the library or to handle

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or to use the books.

3. Those students who shall pay to the Treasurer half yearly one dollar and a half shall be entitled to the use of the books, except such as the Faculty shall direct not to be taken out of the Library.
4. The librarian is responsible for the contributions of students to whom he shall give the use of the books. He is to attend at the library at 12 o'clock on every Friday, except during vacation, to deliver and receive books, of which he shall keep an account, as well as of the condition in which the books are when taken out and returned.
5. No student shall keep a book longer than as follows: to wit, a folio two months, a quarto one month, and any other book two weeks. No person shall lend out a book appertaining to the library. Every person receiving books shall be responsible for their safe return, and for all injuries done to them whilst in his possession. If any volume shall be lost, defaced or otherwise injured, a sum shall be paid equivalent to the

damage incurred or the work of which the volume makes a part shall be replaced at the option of the librarian, subject to the right of appeal on the part of the student to the Faculty.

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6. On the first day of January and the first day of July annually the librarian shall render to the Treasurer an account of all students who shall have had the use of the library during the preceding six months and shall also pay over to him any money that he may have received on account of the library during the same period.

#### Tuition

The following rules to commence and be in force from and after the 15th day of April 1822.

#### Chapter I

1. That the price of tuition be as follows: to wit, for instruction in the languages at the rate of \$40 per year, and for instruction in the sciences at the rate of \$50 per year, all the students engaged in the study of any science to be deemed a student of the sciences.
2. No student shall be received for a less time than six months or the residue of the year remaining at the time of admission.
3. The tuition fees shall be paid quarterly in advance, or secured by a note payable to the Board to be approved by the Clerk.
4. If the tuition fees of any student shall at any time be in arrears for the term of three months, such student shall be by the Faculty suspended

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until all arrearages be paid.

5. If any youth of good morals and promising talents be desirous of admission to the College, and shall be unable to pay the tuition fees, the Faculty by the advice of seven members of the Board may give him instruction gratis, provided that the number of students so admitted shall never exceed six without consent of the Board.

*James Harlan, Clerk*

#### **Danville April 29, 1822**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, John Boyle, Edward Worthington, John Green, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, Nathan H. Hale, Samuel K. Nelson. The regular Chairman being absent

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James Birney was unanimously chosen to preside.

Ordered that the words "public admonition" in the 2nd Section of the 5th Chapter and the word "twelve" in the 1st Section of the 4th Chapter be stricken out, and the word "fifteen" be inserted in lieu of "twelve" in the bylaws of this institution, and that the Clerk have that alteration made in the printed copies in his possession, and the President to make the alteration in those copies made use of in the College.

Ordered that the following rules and regulations be adopted in addition to those already adopted.

### **Of the Faculty, the President, and other Professors**

#### Chapter I

1. The Faculty consists of the president, professors, and other instructors of the College for the time being. The Faculty is charged with the immediate government and direction

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of the College. It is to attend to the enforcement of the laws and regulations which shall be prescribed from time to time by the Trustees. The President is to preside at meetings of the Faculty which is to decide by the greater number of votes, that of the President always being one to give validity to the decision of the majority.

2. The Faculty is to designate the books to be read and the course of study to be pursued by the classes during the period of their study.
3. It shall be the duty of the President to take charge of the College generally; to superintend the buildings, grounds, and moveable property belonging to it; to report to the Committee of Repairs such damages as may need repair; and to report to the Trustees as occasion shall require concerning the state of the College and concerning such measures as may conduce to its further prosperity.

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4. He shall have power to visit the classes and any of the departments of the College. He shall also have power to give such directions and perform such acts generally not inconsistent with the laws of the College nor the ordinances of the Trustees nor the regulations of the Faculty as shall in his judgment promote the interest of the institution.
5. He shall preside at Commencement and on occasions of exhibitions and examinations. He is charged with instruction in logic, rhetoric, and moral philosophy.
6. The President shall furnish to the Clerk of the Board, two months previous to each annual Commencement, a report of the names of the students who have attended the College during the session and the length of time of their continuance.
7. The Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy is charged with instruction in that branch and with the care of such of the philosophical apparatus as shall be assigned to his department by the President.
8. The Professor of Languages is charged

with instruction in the Greek and Latin languages and with Grecian and Roman antiquities. He is, under the direction of the President, also charged with the Grammar School, and is to be assisted with such tutors as the Trustees may for this purpose appoint.

Thomas Cleland a member of the Board appeared and took his seat.

Resolved that the Faculty be authorized to make a rate from time to time upon each student for the purpose of raising a fund to keep the College edifice cleanly swept and scoured when necessary, and on the failure of any student to pay his rate the amount to be charged to the account of his tuition fees.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned.

*James Birney, Clerk pro tem*

**Danville May 30, 1822**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Thomas Montgomery, Samuel K. Nelson, James Birney, James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Edward Worthington, William Craig, John Green, Thomas Cleland. The regular Chairman being absent James Birney was unanimously chosen to preside.

Jeremiah Fisher a member of the Board appeared and took his seat.

The Board proceeded to the election of a president pro tem of this institution, when the Rev. Dr. Matthew Brown of Washington, Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected to that office with a salary of \$1,500 per annum payable quarterly to enter upon the duties of his office at the commencement of the next session.

Resolved that the Rev. Dr. Brown,

the president pro tem elect of this institution, be authorized to engage a suitable person qualified to act as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy in this institution with a salary of \$800 per annum payable quarterly.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned to meet on the 3rd Monday of July next.

*James Birney President pro tem, James Harlan, Clerk*

**Danville July 15, 1822**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Thomas Montgomery, Thomas Cleland, John Boyle, John Green, David G. Cowan, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, James Barbour, James Birney.

James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The resignation of Col. Isaac Shelby was handed in. The Board then proceeded to the election of a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by his resignation, whereupon Benjamin H. Perkins was unanimously elected to that office, who having taken the oath prescribed by the act of incorporation before David Jones, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Mercer County, was admitted to a seat as a member of this Board.

Jeremiah Briscoe, a member of this Board, appeared and took his seat.

Jeremiah Briscoe having resigned his office as Trustee, the Board proceeded to fill his vacancy when Rev. John I. Higgins was elected to that office. Ordered that the Clerk inform Mr. Higgins of his appointment.

Ordered that John Green, Ephraim McDowell, and James Barbour be a committee to correspond with the Rev. Mr. Brown.

Ordered that it be certified to whomsoever it may concern that the members of the Board now present 12 in number are unanimously of

opinion that the Rev. Matthew Brown of Washington, Pennsylvania, ought to be appointed president of the institution, and that such would be their votes could they be now legally given, but that is prevented by the lack of the number required by the terms of the Charter, two thirds of the whole number 19 being required to be present when any permanent appointment of officer is made, and it is further ordered to be certified that the present Board is [of the] opinion that the whole of the absent members will concur in the appointment, and it is further ordered that so soon as the signature of any absent member or members is obtained to a copy of this order it shall be the duty of the Clerk to certify and forward the same to the said Rev. Matthew Brown.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet again on the Saturday succeeding the 1st Monday in August.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville September 21, 1822**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, David G. Cowan, William Craig, John Green, John Boyle, James Barbour, Samuel K. Nelson, Jeremiah Fisher. James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

Ordered that James Birney, Treasurer pro tem, be and he is hereby authorized and requested to receive from the Branch Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at Harrodsburg any money which this Board is entitled to draw for under the Law of 1821, and to hold the same subject to the further order of this Board.

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient (under existing circumstances) to continue for the present the Grammar School under the direction of the Trustees, and that David G. Cowan, James Barbour, and Benjamin H. Perkins

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be a committee to wait upon Mr. Maury and confer with him on the subject, and that they be authorized to offer to Mr. Maury the use of the College edifice for his private school, should he wish it, until further arrangements may be made.

Ordered that this Board adjourn.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville December 31, 1822**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, Edward Worthington, Robert B. McAfee, John Green, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, James Birney, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell. The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Chairman to this Board when the Honorable John Boyle was chosen to preside.

Resolved that James Birney, the Treasurer of this Board, make application in the name of the Trustees to the Governor for a warrant upon the Auditor of Public Accounts for \$3,000 under the provisions of the 2nd

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Section of an act entitled "An Act to Endorse an Asylum for the Tuition of the Deaf and Dumb" and hold the money when obtained subject to the future order of the Board.

William Craig a member of this Board appeared and took his seat.

Samuel K. Nelson a member of this Board appeared and took his seat.

Resolved that Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, David G. Cowan, and James Barbour be appointed a committee to take such measures as shall appear to them best calculated to obtain donations or voluntary contributions to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at the Centre College at Danville, and that the said committee correspond with similar institutions in other states when such or similar establishments are in operation, and obtain such information as they can on the best method of teaching, conducting, and managing such institutions, also such books as are most advisable to be had for said purposes, and that said committee be authorized to draw from the Treasurer a sum not exceeding \$200 to purchase such books and apparatus as they may be advised and in their judgment deemed most necessary.

Resolved further that the above committee endeavor to ascertain the number of persons within this state who will probably apply for admission to the

Asylum, also their places of abode, the number that will be paupers, and the number that will be [able] to support themselves and pay the tuition fees.

Resolved that Benjamin H. Perkins, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, and James Birney be a committee to prepare a plan for an edifice to be erected on the College lot, and report the same to this Board at their next meeting.

Resolved that said committee procure a school room for teaching the deaf and dumb, and make all necessary arrangements for commencing tuition by the 1st Monday in April next, and that they procure boarding for such paupers as may be offered for instruction.

Resolved that the Board employ David C. Irvine as a teacher in the Asylum for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb upon the following instructions, to wit, the said Trustees will pay the said Irvine's board until the 1st day of April next, when it is expected his services will be required; when the institution goes into operation they will then pay him at the rate of \$200 per annum, certain, and all that he can make over and above that sum from tuition fees, indigent pupils at the rate of \$20 and others at \$40 per annum until an assistant is necessary; they will then pay

him at the rate of \$400 per year so long as they employ him.

Resolved that the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Findley, John Lyle, and John L. Higgins be authorized and respectfully requested to solicit donations from the charitable and humane for the benefit of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum attached to the Centre College of Kentucky.

Mr. Worthington offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the tuition fees in the Centre College shall hereafter be as follows: to wit, Senior class, \$50; Junior and Sophomore, \$40; Freshman and Preparatory, \$30.

The yeas and nays being required by Mr. Green, it was decided as follows: yeas - Messrs. Worthington, McAfee, Fisher, Birney, Perkins, Cowan, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Craig - 9; nays - Mr. Chairman, Messrs. Green, Barbour, Nelson - 4.

Ordered that the resolution be adopted.

The Reverend Jeremiah Chamberlain is appointed President of this institution with a salary of \$2,000 per annum payable quarterly, and the said Chamberlain is to furnish his assistant.

Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. M. M. Reed, Mrs. Lawson Moore, Mrs. Akin, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Youce, Mrs. Clement, Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. George Caldwell, Mrs. Rochester, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Charles Henderson are appointed a committee under the 2nd Section of the laws establishing an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet on the 3rd Monday in January next.

*John Boyle, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville, January 24, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Messrs. Ephraim McDowell, John Green, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, Benjamin H. Perkins, Samuel K. Nelson, William Craig, David G. Cowan, James Barbour, James Birney.

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The Rev. Nathan H. Hall, having resigned his seat as a member of this Board, the Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy when Col. William Miller was unanimously appointed, and having taken the oaths required by law, took his seat as a member of this Board.

Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, and Jeremiah Fisher are appointed a committee under the 2nd chapter of the bylaws to superintend repairs.

James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, and Benjamin H. Perkins are appointed a committee to superintend the collection of debts and examine the Treasurer's account.

Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan, and William Craig are appointed a committee to inspect the library.

Resolved that until the further order of this Board, the President of the College be authorized to receive the tuition fees, and the Secretary to be authorized to collect all sums now in arrears.

Resolved that John Green, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, and John Boyle be appointed a committee on the part of this Board whose duty it shall be first, to revise the Laws of the College and report the same to the next meeting of the Board; 2ndly, to fix the course of studies in conjunction with the President; and 3rdly, to designate and purchase such books, maps, and apparatus as may be necessary and for that purpose they may draw on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding \$800.

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Resolved that the Committee of Repairs have fuel furnished at the College, and that they draw on the Treasurer for funds for that purpose whenever it is necessary, and that the President apportion the amount so expended amongst the students to be collected as tuition fees *[illegible word]*.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet on Saturday the 8th February next.

*John Boyle, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville February 8, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present The Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. James Birney, James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Benjamin H. Perkins, Edward Worthington, David G. Cowan, Jeremiah Fisher, John Green, Robert B. McAfee, Samuel. K. Nelson, Thomas Cleland.

The Rev. John L. Higgins a member

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of this Board appeared and took the oaths required by law before Edward Worthington, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Mercer County, and took his seat.

Ordered that Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, and David G. Cowan be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President of this institution, and that they give notice when the necessary arrangements are made.

Ordered that John Green, Ephraim McDowell, and David G. Cowan be a committee to superintend the printing of the by-laws, and that they prepare a suitable address to the public on behalf of this Board.

Ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to make the necessary arrangements for commencing the school for the deaf and dumb be authorized to engage some suitable person to board the students that may be offered for instruction in the said school, and that said committee be authorized to adopt a plan for a building for the Asylum of the said deaf and dumb, and that they be authorized to let out the building to the lowest bidder or on the best terms and contract to have the same completed as soon as possible, provided that said contract does not exceed \$3,000 - or the amount of funds unappropriated for the Asylum.

Ordered that John Green and Joseph McDowell be added to said committee.

Ordered that John Boyle, John Green, James Barbour, and David G. Cowan be a committee to receive such books as may be offered as a contribution to the library, pursuant to the

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following proposition which is hereby acceded to, to wit:

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, propose to the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky to contribute to their library upon the following fundamental conditions, to wit:

1. Each contributor, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall enjoy the privilege of using the books in the library subject to such rules, regulations, and conditions as said Trustees may from time to time prescribe.
2. Each person who contributes the sum of \$40 shall be entitled to said privilege as aforesaid, and said privilege, whether in the hands of the original contributor, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall be subject to a yearly tax of two dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary costs and charges

attendant upon keeping the library in good order, paying the salary of a librarian to the increase of the library - payments of said \$40 to be

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made on or before the first day of July next, and the said two dollars annually at such time as said Trustees may prescribe, the privilege subject to be suspended till all arrearages are paid up.

3. The said contribution of forty dollars may be discharged in such books, etc., as may be approved by said Trustees or their committee and at such price as may be agreed upon with the contributor offering them. All payments in cash to be in specie or funds of equal value.

So soon as the said Trustees shall accede to the above proposition and conditions, we whose names are subscribed hereto at the date when the Trustees shall so accede or who may thereafter subscribe them do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to pay the aforesaid sum of \$40 and said tax of two dollars per annum to the said Trustees and their successors in office.

David G. Cowan	1 share
Phineas Rice	2
Alban G. Smith	1
David A. Russel	1
Jeremiah Chamberlain	1
James Barbour	1

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Forward

James S. Hopkins	1
N. J. Rochester	1
Richard D. Crutchfield	1
James Harlan	1
John Green	1
Joseph Weisiger	1
Stephen Fisher	1
Samuel K. Nelson	1

Ordered that the Board adjourn.

*John Boyle*

**Danville February 15, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky present The Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, Edward Worthington, John Green, Joseph McDowell, William Craig.

Ordered that the committee heretofore appointed to contract for the building of a house for an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb suspend that part of their duty until the further order of this Board.

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Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to loan out for one year on good security and on the best terms he can obtain, \$2,000 of the fund appertaining to the Asylum for the Tuition of the Deaf and Dumb.

James Birney a member appeared and took his seat.

Ordered that the sum of \$50 be allowed James Harlan, Esq., Secretary of this Board, for his services up to the first day of March next, and that the Treasurer pay the same out of any money in the Treasury.

Resolved that the Secretary make a detailed report of the funds and effects of this institution and report the same to the Board at their next meeting.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to the last Saturday in March next.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville May 10, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, William Craig, Thomas Montgomery, Edward Worthington, John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins.

Ordered that the following contract be entered into in lieu of the contract heretofore made, to wit:

Articles of agreement between the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky and David C. Irvine. Witnesseth that the said Trustees have engaged said Irvine as a teacher for the instruction of the deaf and dumb in the Asylum under their charge to teach according to such rules and such regulations as the Board may from time to time prescribe, and said Trustees agreed to pay said Irvine at the rate of \$360 per annum payable in notes on the Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or branches, as his compensation, given under the hands of the parties the 10th day of May 1823. If said Irvine chooses to board in the institution said Trustees will give him a salary at the rate of \$300 per annum and pay his board

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for such time as he may board in the institution.

*By order of the Board, John Boyle, Chairman, David C. Irvine*

A copy James Harlan, Clerk

Ordered that the Clerk draw a warrant on the Treasury for \$55.50 in favor of David G. Cowan for a bell purchased by him for this institution.

Ordered that Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, David G. Cowan, and James Barbour caused to be inserted in the different newspapers throughout this state a suitable address to the public on the subject of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of this place.

Ordered that the Board accept of the medical services of Drs. Weisiger and Smith in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville July 2, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Edward Worthington, John Green, Benjamin H. Perkins, Samuel K. Nelson, Joseph McDowell, William Miller, David G. Cowan, Jeremiah Fisher, William Craig, James Barbour.

The regular Chairman being absent, Mr. Birney was chosen to preside.

Ordered that Mr. James Buchanan be employed as an instructor in this institution at the rate of \$400 per year to commence from the last Monday in August next.

Ordered that Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan, James Barbour be appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Joshua Fry relative to his employment in this institution.

Ordered that David G. Cowan, James Barbour, and William Miller be a committee to call upon the President and request of him a copy of his inaugural address delivered this day.

Ordered that the Board adjourn until the 1st day of August next.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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**Danville August 1, 1823**

The Board met according to adjournment. Present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. Samuel K. Nelson, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, Ephraim McDowell, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, James Birney, John Green, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher. Absent John Green.

Resolved that the Rev. John R. Kerr be employed as a teacher in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum and that his salary be at the rate of \$400 per annum to commence from the 29th day of May last.

Whereas Dr. Alban G. Smith has this day tendered his services to the Trustees of this institution gratuitously, therefore resolved that Dr. Smith be appointed Professor of Chemistry pro tem.

Resolved that this Board approves of the selection of Mr. Redmond Dougherty as the assistant professor to be furnished by him, and Mr. Doherty is hereby appointed professor of the Greek language pro tem.

Ordered that the Board adjourn.

*John Boyle*

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### **Centre College October 29, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. Samuel K. Nelson, James Birney, James Barbour, Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, John Higgins, Benjamin H. Perkins, John Green, William Craig.

Ordered that the Board adjourn till 3 o'clock this evening.

The Board met according to adjournment.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to the [Kentucky] Legislature petitioning for an amendment of our charter, and that they report to the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered that John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, and James Barbour be a committee to prepare a memorial according to the above resolution.

Resolved that Robert Holman be appointed librarian to this institution.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet again at the Asylum on Saturday next at 10 o'clock a.m.

*John Boyle*

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### **Danville November 1, 1823**

At a meeting of the Board of trustee of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, Joseph McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, John Green, Benjamin H. Perkins, Edward Worthington, Samuel K. Nelson, Ephraim McDowell.

The Treasurer pro tem of this institution exhibited to the Board a settlement of his account as made by James Barbour and Benjamin H. Perkins, the committee appointed for that purpose, which settlement is approved of and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that a further time be allowed the Secretary to make a report of the funds of this institution.

The committee raised to draft a memorial to the Legislature reported a draft which was unanimously agreed to, and David G. Cowan, Samuel K. Nelson and John Green appointed a committee to present the same.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to draw quarterly upon the *[United States]* Government for the amount due for the maintenance, etc., of indigent pupils in the Asylum.

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Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to advance to Mr. Kerr any sums not exceeding \$500, to be by him accounted for to the Board.

Ordered that the sum of \$300 in good money be placed at the disposal of James Birney, David G. Cowan, James Barbour, and John Green to be applied to purchase of philosophical apparatus.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

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#### **Danville February 21, 1824**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. William Craig, John Green, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin H. Perkins, Thomas Montgomery, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, Edward Worthington.

On motion it was resolved that the Faculty shall have power to regulate the vacations in the Preparatory Department according to their discretion, not to exceed three weeks in the month of April next.

Resolved that the Board approve the terms and conditions of the subscription adopted on the 3rd day of February 1824 by sundry citizens of Danville, which reads in the following words: to wit, At a public meeting of the citizens of Danville and its vicinity held at the house of J. Clemens, Esq., pursuant to public notice on the evening of the 3rd February 1824, Ephraim McDowell was appointed Chairman and David G. Cowan Secretary.

The Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, President of

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Centre College, explained the object of the meeting to take into consideration the expediency of adopting a plan by which to enable the Trustees of said College to erect suitable buildings for a Refectory for the use of the College.

After discussion the meeting adopted the following resolution.

Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient that we use every means in our power to promote the erection of suitable buildings and the establishment of a Refectory for the use of College as soon as practicable.

The meeting then adopted the subscription and terms hereto annexed, and appointed Jeremiah Chamberlain, Charles Henderson, and Frederick Yeiser a committee to solicit subscriptions, to contract with the Trustees on behalf of the subscribers to the said conditions.

The meeting was then adjourned, to meet again at the same place on Saturday next at 3 o'clock p.m.

*Ephraim McDowell, Chairman, David G. Cowan, Secretary*

We the subscribers engage to pay \$7,000 to the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky to enable them to erect a Refectory for the use

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of the said College on the following conditions, viz.

1. That the stock shall consist of 70 equal shares
2. That each subscriber shall be responsible for nothing but his individual subscription.
3. That the payments shall be in the following manner: one fourth on the first day of May 1824, one fourth on the first day of November 1824, one fourth on the first day of May 1825, one fourth on the first day of November 1825.
4. That any subscriber or subscribers who shall fail or refuse to comply with the foregoing obligation shall forfeit all that shall have been previously paid in.
5. That should the number of shares subscribed not amount to \$7000 the Trustees are at liberty to subscribe the remainder for the benefit of the College.
6. That the Trustees shall rent this building to a suitable steward and pay the rent annually as it shall become due to the stockholders.
7. That the Trustees shall have a privilege to purchase out the stockholders or any stockholders at any time they may be able to do so by paying any sum not exceeding the amount paid in by any stockholder or stockholders.
8. The payments if punctually made may be in the notes of the Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or its branches.

Subscribers Names	Number Shares
Jeremiah Chamberlain	4
Ephraim McDowell	1
John Green	3
David G. Cowan	1
Charles Henderson	2

Richard D. Crutchfield	1
Allan G. Smith	1
James Barbour	1
Stephen Fisher	1
William C. Cowan (in plank and scanting at my mill)	1
James Fields (in the same way and handling as W. Cowan has subscribed)	1
Samuel K. Nelson	3
John Erwin and Michael Hope	1
Tompkins and Reid	1
James Nichols	2
Robert Brown	1
Ezra Williams	1
Robert Russell, Jr.	1
Thomas Gray	1
Redmund Doherty	1
Obediah Garnett	1
Peter De Paum	2
Robert Bryan	1
Edward Shipp (to be paid in work and in material furnished by me)	2
David Spears	4
Ezra Wilson (part in hauling)	1
Abner H. Hamilton (part in hauling)	1
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In all	40

And this Board will so soon as the number of shares taken by individuals shall amount to fifty, this Board agree to subscribe 20 shares, and David G. Cowan, James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, and Jeremiah Fisher are appointed a committee to make a contract or contracts with workmen upon the best terms they can obtain, not binding the Board for more than their subscriptions, and that said committee superintend the erection of the buildings and collection of the subscriptions.

Ordered that the sum of \$150 in good money be placed at the disposal of James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, and David G. Cowan to be applied to purchase a chemical apparatus.

Ordered that there shall be a vacation of six weeks in the Asylum commencing from the 1st Monday in April next.

**Danville March 27, 1824**

At a meeting of the Trustees of Centre College, present John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, James Barbour, Edward Worthington, William Miller, Joseph McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, Jeremiah Fisher. James Birney Treasurer pro tem resigned his office and James Barbour was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

The Committee of Superintendence of the Asylum reported that they had engaged Mr. John A. Jacobs as an assistant teacher in the Asylum, who until he shall be properly qualified as a teacher will

receive only board, washing, and clothing, and the sum of \$250 per annum is appropriated to carry into effect said engagement payable in such funds as are received from the state, and Mr. Jacobs is when properly qualified as a teacher to consider in the amount of his permanent salary the advances made to him during his term of qualification.

Ordered that the order passed at the last meeting of the Board directing a vacation in the Asylum, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the superintending committee shall the power of directing when a vacation shall take place in said institution.

Ordered that the Board adjourn until Saturday next.

**Danville July 6, 1824**

At a meeting of the Trustees of Centre College, present James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, Jeremiah Fisher, John Green, William Miller, James Barbour, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, Joseph McDowell. James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem and David G. Cowan Secretary pro tem.

Information being given to the Board of the wish of the Honorable William Owsley to decline further service as a member, resolved that his vacancy be filled and thereupon Michael G. Youce was chosen

to fill the same, who appeared, produced a certificate of his having taken the oath of office, and took his seat.

Resolved that from and after the first day of April next the College year shall be divided into two sessions of five months each - the vacations to continue after the close of each session for one month, commencing on the 1st Mondays in April and October.

Resolved further that the annual commencement shall be held on the last Wednesday in September, and the annual meeting of the Board on the day preceding.

Resolved that hereafter instead of the fee now paid by students in the Freshman class and Preparatory Department, the fees shall be paid by the Freshmen at the rate

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of \$50 and in the Preparatory Department \$40 per annum payable as heretofore.

The following memorandum was presented and agreed to and ordered to be spread on the record.

Memorandum of agreement between the Trustees of Centre College and John A. Jacobs. The said Trustees wishing to obtain a suitable person to fill the office of teacher in the Asylum, and it being found deficient to obtain persons of proper qualifications, have agreed to afford to Mr. Jacobs the means of qualifying himself for that office by advances of funds to support him at one of the Eastern institutions for such a length of time as will enable him to acquire the necessary qualifications. And Mr. Jacobs after being

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qualified will, out of his salary, return the advances made on his account from year to year as may be found convenient to him, and his salary as permanent teacher shall not be less than that allowed to Mr. Mitchell for the time being.

Resolved that the superintending committee take such measures as they may deem necessary to carry into effect the foregoing agreement, and that they have power to draw upon the Treasurer for such sum or sums from time to time as they may deem necessary.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to permit Mr. Kerr to be \$500 in advance with the Board till otherwise ordered.

Ordered that the superintending committee be authorized to employ Mitchell for another year, and that Michael G. Youce be added to it.

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Mrs. Rebecca Chamberlain is appointed on the latter committee in room of Mrs. Clemens deceased.

A letter from Faculty of Centre College recommending for the degree of A.B. Lewis Warner Green and John Pope Trotter, students, and James Buchannan, Esq., of same which was ordered accordingly.

Annual Committee of Repairs: same as last year.

Committee of Superintendence for Collections: Michael G. Youce, Joseph McDowell, Benjamin H. Perkins.

Library Committee: same as last year.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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**Danville August 16, 1824**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Ephraim McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan, John Green, Michael G. Youce, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour, Benjamin H. Perkins, Jeremiah Fisher, Edward Worthington. Ordered that Ephraim McDowell be appointed Chairman pro tem.

It being suggested to the Board that it would be inconvenient for Mr. Fry to comply with his contract heretofore made as a teacher in this institution, ordered that Mr. Fry be released from paid contract, and that Samuel K. Nelson and David G. Cowan be a committee to tender to Mr. Fry the thanks of the members of this Board for the services he has rendered in this institution.

Present the Honorable John Boyle, Chairman.

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Resolved that the building be authorized without delay to completion the contract entered into by them with Messrs. Crutchfield and Russel in relation to the Refectory with the following modifications.

First, the Board to pay over to the said Crutchfield and Russel \$500 in currency, the remainder after deducting the payments already made to be paid in notes of the subscribers to the Refectory to be assigned by the committee on behalf of the Board in their corporate character.

Second, the Committee are to take from Crutchfield and Russel a covenant to comply on their part.

Resolved that in order to carry into effect the foregoing order, the building committee be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the sum of \$500.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to draw upon the best terms he can obtain and upon good

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security for a limited period of time any sum not exceeding \$500 of the funds of the Asylum.

The Board then adjourned to meet again on the 2nd Saturday in September next.

*John Boyle*

**Danville September 25, 1824**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, John Green, William Miller, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Barbour, Michael G. Youce, Jeremiah Fisher, Edward Worthington. The Chairman being absent Edward Worthington was chosen to preside.

On motion of Mr. Green, resolved that the salary of Mr. Doherty be increased to \$1,000 per annum, which motion was negatived unanimously.

Mr. Redmund Doherty came before the Board and resigned his office as professor of languages in this institution, which resignation was accepted by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. William R. Thompson be appointed professor pro tem of the Greek and Latin languages in this institution at the rate of \$1,000 per year in Commonwealth's *[Kentucky]* paper.

Ordered that James Barbour, Benjamin H. Perkins, and James Birney, Trustees, and Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain be requested to confer with Mr. Thompson and inform him of his appointment as professor in this institution, and in the event of his refusing to accept, to confer with some other person and make report to the next meeting of the Board.

It appearing to the Board that Robert B. McAfee had resigned his seat as a member of this Board, ordered that Charles Henderson be appointed to fill his vacancy, and whereupon the said Charles Henderson appeared before the Board and took the oath prescribed by law and took his seat as a member.

Present Samuel K. Nelson

A paper was presented to the Board containing certain propositions from the commissioners of the Synod of Kentucky (Marked A). Mr. Cowan offered the following resolution:

Resolved that this Board will accept the proposals of the commissioners of the Synod of Kentucky with this proviso, that before it takes effect the funds given by the state shall be returned if required, and provided further that all the funds now belonging to this Board, and the \$20,000 dollars to be advanced to the Synod, shall be wholly and exclusively employed for the purposes of a literary institution only.

Mr. Green moved for the yeas and nays on this resolution. It passed in the affirmative by the following votes: yeas - Messrs. Birney, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Miller, Cowan, Perkins, Youce

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Fisher, and Henderson - 9; nays - Mr. Chairman, Green, and Barbour - 3.

The Board then adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock a.m.

*Edward Worthington, Chairman pro tem*

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**Danville September 27, 1824**

The Board met according to adjournment. Present Edward Worthington, Samuel K. Nelson, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour, James Birney, John Green, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce, Charles Henderson, William Miller, David G. Cowan. Edward Worthington was chosen to preside.

On motion of Mr. Birney, ordered that the resolution passed on Saturday accepting the proposals of the commissioners of the Synod be reconsidered, which was unanimously agreed to.

Present Ephraim McDowell and Benjamin H. Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Cowan, leave is given to withdraw the resolution offered by him on Saturday last.

Absent John Green and James Barbour

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On motion of Mr. Cowan, resolved that the proposition from the Synod of Kentucky be so amended that the 14th, 15th, and 16th lines in the 3rd page commencing with the words "and thereafter" and ends at "board" reads as follows, to wit "And when the whole Board are thus appointed by the Synod they shall be divided by lot into three classes as near as may be, those of the first class go out of office the first year, those of the second the second year, and those of the third class the third year, but may be reappointed."

On motion of Mr. Nelson, resolved that said proposition be amended in the 21st line in the 3rd page, add after the word "institution" the following, "and such as shall be approved of by the Board or its Committee, not more than one fourth of either installment to be discharged in books and apparatus."

On motion of Mr. Nelson, resolved that the said agreement or proposition be amended in the 3rd page, 5th line add after the word "be" the following, "Shall be previously vacated by lot", and also in the 5th page, 6th line after the word "leave" add the words "out by lot".

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On motion of Mr. Cowan, resolved that said proposition be amended in 24th line of 4th page after the word "recommended" add the following words, "if made".

On motion, resolved that the Board of Trustees shall as far as practicable keep employed a suitable number of professors and instructors to teach the several branches of literature usually taught in the colleges of the United States. And before this compact takes effect the funds given by the State shall be first refunded if required, and that all the funds now belonging to this Board, and the \$20,000 dollars to be advanced by the Synod, shall be wholly and inclusively employed for the purposes of a literary institution only.

Resolved that the 6th line of 5th page be amended by adding the words "by lot" after the word "leave".

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The question being taken whether said propositions as amended shall be agreed to by the Board, it was decided in the affirmative.

Present John Green

Ordered that Messrs. Nelson and Cowan be a committee to repair to Shelbyville and confer with the Synod of Kentucky, and enter into conference with said Synod or its committee for the purpose of effectuating the objects of the compact this day entered into by the Board. And that said committee have full power and authority to enter into an agreement with said Synod with the cardinal principles of the agreement furnished them as amended by the Board, that such amendments and alterations as they shall think proper to consent under this restriction shall be confirmed and ratified by this Board.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Chamberlain be requested to attend said committee as one of its members.

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Resolved that we deem Mr. Redmund Doherty, late a professor in this institution, a gentleman well qualified to discharge the duties of professor of languages, which chair he has filled under this Board. Mr. Doherty's deportment in this institution has been that of a gentleman entitling him to respect.

On motion of Mr. Cowan, ordered that the Treasurer be authorized (on a warrant of the Secretary) to loan to Mr. Kerr any sum not exceeding \$100.

On motion of Mr. Cowan, ordered that Mrs. Kerr be allowed \$10 per annum for each indigent pupil in addition to the sum now allowed to her for boarding, lodging, mending, and washing for the indigent pupils in the Asylum.

On motion of Mr. Miller, resolved that the above order be reconsidered, which was agreed to - the question being

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put whether said order shall stand, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cowan, resolved that Mrs. Kerr, the matron in the Asylum, be allowed the sum of \$100 per annum to cover her contingent expenses of washing, making, and mending clothes, etc., for the indigent pupils in the same.

John Green appeared and resigned his seat as a member of this Board.

Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet on 4th Saturday in October next.

*Edward Worthington, Chairman pro tem*

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**Danville October 23, 1824**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky met pursuant to adjournment, present Samuel K. Nelson, James Birney, William Miller, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin H. Perkins, Michael G. Youce, Edward Worthington. The Chairman being absent, Edward Worthington was chosen to preside. Present Charles Henderson.

Appointed at the last meeting, Mr. Nelson on the part of the committee, reported that the committee repaired to Shelbyville and concluded an agreement on behalf of this Board with the Synod of Kentucky.

Ordered that said agreement be unanimously ratified by this Board, and that the Chairman and Secretary sign the same for and on behalf of this Board, which agreement reads in the following figures and words, to wit:

Whereas it is represented to the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky by a commission appointed by the body of Divines and Elders which compose the Synod of Kentucky, and which

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meet annually to transact ecclesiastical business, that the Presbyterian Church in said state is disposed to endow and patronize an institution of learning in which the course of education shall be such as they approve, and that they would prefer the Centre College as the one to which their donations shall be given, it is therefore agreed that in consideration of the patronage and munificence of said Church and all its organs and numbers being engaged to this institution forever hereafter, and its agreeing to pay the sum of \$20,000 so soon as said Church or Synod or any of its members shall pay into the treasury of that Board the sum of \$5,000, one fourth paid of said \$20,000 dollars in current money of the United States, or books and apparatus suited to and necessary for the institution raised earlier by donation or devise, then the following changes and alterations shall take place as contained in the acts of Assembly [*Kentucky General Assembly*] incorporating (said) institution, to wit:

1. The fourth fundamental rule of the fourth section of the act of Assembly entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky at Danville approved January the 21st AD 1819" and also the last provisionary clause attached to the last section of the act commencing with the words "any thing herein contained" to the end of the section, shall be considered as repealed and annulled forever thereafter, and as composing no part of the charter of said institution.
2. So soon as \$5,000, part of the \$20,000, are paid, the Synod of Kentucky may at their next annual Session proceed to elect one fourth of the Board, and the persons so elected shall be members in lieu of those members in whose places they are elected, and whose seats in the Board shall have been previously vacated by lot or otherwise; so soon as the next

\$5,000 dollars are paid, they shall have the right to elect one other fourth in like manner; and when the next \$5,000 are paid the Synod may elect another fourth, and at the payment of the last \$5,000 then the Synod may elect the remaining fourth, and when the whole Board are thus appointed by the Synod they shall be divided by lot into three classes as near as may be, (the) seats of those of the first class be vacant at the end of the first year, those of the second class at the second year, and those of the third class the third year, but may be reappointed, but if no election is had by the Synod the members shall hold their seats as before till such election is had. These payments shall be made to the Treasury of the Board in current money of the United States or books or apparatus suited to said institution and such as shall be approved by the Board or its committee, not more than one fourth of either installment to be discharged in books or apparatus.

The Board may fill vacancies as before, but the appointments so made shall be subject to revision by the Synod and to confirmation or substitution by an appointment made by the Synod as that body shall determine, and to prevent doubts about the body called the Synod of Kentucky who shall be thus electors of Trustees, it is understood that it is and shall be the body of the Presbyterian Clergy and Elders in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America who meet annually as a Synod in the State of Kentucky, of whatever individuals they may be composed at the time of their annual meeting, and as such are capable of being identified in fact at each meeting and the certificate of their clerk that such person or persons are chosen to a seat in the board of Trustees shall be entered on the minutes of records kept by the corporation

and shall be complete evidence of such appointment or election.

3. The number of trustees shall be reduced to 11.
4. The charter as it stands in the present acts of Assembly, as modified by this agreement, shall not hereafter be altered or changed except on the petition of the Board first recommended by the said Synod.
5. This agreement be carefully preserved and so soon as the sum of five thousand dollars is paid, mentioned in the preamble, the Chairman of the Board for the time being shall write a receipt therefore on this agreement or writing, and shall acknowledge the agreement signed by him by the County Court of the county where the College buildings are situated or in the Court of Appeals or General Court, and the agreement on receipt aforesaid shall be recorded as may be directed by act of General Assembly, provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to or effect the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb attached to Centre College at Danville, but that shall remain under the contract of the Legislature of Kentucky as heretofore.

The Board of Trustees shall as far as practicable keep employed a competent number of professors and instructors to teach the several branches of literature taught in the colleges of the U.S., and all funds now belonging to this Board and the \$20,000 dollars to be advanced by the Synod shall be wholly and exclusively employed for the purposes of a literary institution.

This agreement was entered into on the

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part of the Synod of Kentucky at its present meeting October 18, 1824, as witness on hands.

*Gideon Blackburn, Moderator Synod of Kentucky; John Breckinridge, James Barnes, Clerks pro tem*

On motion, ordered that James Birney, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, and Edward Worthington be a committee to draft a memorial to be presented to the Legislature praying the passage of the law ratifying the agreement this day entered into with the Synod of Kentucky.

On motion, ordered that David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, Jeremiah Fisher, and Charles Henderson be a committee to prepare a report to be presented to the Legislature for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

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Ordered that the Board adjourn to meet again on the first Saturday in November next.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville November 6, 1824**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky met pursuant to adjournment, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, Edward Worthington, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce, James Barbour, Benjamin H. Perkins, William Miller.

Ordered that Samuel K. Nelson, Thomas Cleland, and David G. Cowan, or any two of them, be a committee to present to the Legislature for and in behalf of this Board a memorial setting forth their grievance and praying a change in the present charter of this institution, the cardinal principles of which are to be the same as contained in a draught of a memorial this day presented to the Board by Edward Worthington.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the reasonable expenses of said committee going and returning and while at Frankfort.

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Ordered that the Secretary put into the hands of an officer or officers for collection all tuition fees due this institution before the commencement of the present session.

Ordered that the Board adjourn.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville March 4, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Benjamin H. Perkins, Jeremiah Fisher, Charles Henderson, Edward Worthington, Michael G. Youce, William Miller.

Ordered that Michael G. Youce and Charles Henderson be appointed collectors in addition to those already appointed, and proceed forthwith to collect or take notes for all sums due on the original subscriptions for building the College edifice.

Ordered that James Birney, Benjamin H. Perkins, and William Miller be appointed a committee to advise with the collectors of the propriety of receiving Commonwealth's *[Kentucky]*

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paper in the discharge of the debts due this institution.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to receive propositions for letting out the Refectory and report to the next meeting of the Board, and thereupon William Miller, Ephraim McDowell, James Birney, Charles Henderson, and Benjamin H. Perkins was appointed a committee in pursuance of the above resolution.

Ordered that the *[Board]* adjourn to meet on the 19th instant.

*John Boyle*

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*[No date shown - meeting was probably held on March 19, 1825, as referred to in minutes of March 4, 1825]*

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, Chairman, Edward Worthington, Thomas Cleland, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, John S. Higgins, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Birney, Michael G. Youce, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan. David G. Cowan was appointed Secretary pro tem.

John Green was unanimously elected a member of this Board.

Ordered the Chairman be requested to write in the name and on behalf of the Board to the Honorable Henry Clay, Secretary of State and

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John Quincy Adams, President U. S., letters of recommendation for the Rev. J. McFarland to be used in his mission to Europe.

Resolved that the whole subject of the Refectory be referred to the committee in relation to that subject with power to rent the same to some suitable person subject to the confirmation of the Board of Trustees, and that said committee prepare and submit to the Board a system of rules or regulations for the better government of the same, also to enquire into the expediency of making contracts for the building of a suitable number of dormitories and report to the Board at their next meeting.

Ordered that David G. Cowan be added to said committee.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

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### **Danville March 30, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Edward Worthington, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, Thomas Cleland, Charles Henderson, Michael G. Youce, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Birney.

John Green, a member elect of this Board, appeared and having taken the oaths of office before Edward Worthington, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Mercer County, took his seat as a member thereof.

A letter from the President recommending for the degree of

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Bachelor of Arts, James Pendleton Bryan and Charles C. P. McDowell, students of this institution.

On motion, resolved unanimously that the degree of Bachelor of Arts be conferred on the above named gentlemen.

Resolved that the committee on the Refectory be instructed to contract for the building of twelve dormitories to be completed as soon as practicable.

*John Boyle*

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### **Danville April 1, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College, present Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, John Green, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, Charles Henderson, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce. Ephraim McDowell was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The Board proceeded to select a steward to take charge of the Refectory, whereupon James I. Miles of Franklin was appointed.

The Board then adjourned.

*Ephraim McDowell*

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**Danville June 9, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, John Green, James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce, Edward Worthington, David G. Cowan, William Miller, Charles Henderson.

Mr. Green stated to the Board that he had made a contract with Daniel Barbee for the present year's rent of the Asylum at \$280 in Commonwealth's *[Kentucky]* bank paper for which he had executed his individual note.

Resolved that said contract be ratified and that the amount be paid out of the funds of the Board.

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Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to give himself a credit for \$10 cash paid by him to D. B. Haans for taking notes on subscriptions to the Refectory.

Resolved that the contract made by the Refectory committee for building the dormitories be ratified, and that they be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for any money to carry said contract into effect.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville August 22, 1825**

At a meeting of the Trustees of Centre College, present James Birney, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, James Barbour, John Green, Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin H. Perkins, William Miller, Charles Henderson, Michael G. Youce, David G. Cowan. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board being absent, James Birney was appointed Chairman and David G. Cowan Secretary.

A communication was received from the faculty of the College recommending William Hudson of the Sophomore class for expulsion, and the said Hudson not appearing to answer the charge preferred against him by the Faculty, it is ordered that

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the consideration of his case be continued until the next meeting of the Board.

The Rev. Samuel K. Nelson, agent for the Asylum of the Deaf and Dumb, reported that he had collected from sundry benevolent persons in the city of New Orleans the sum of \$427.50, all of which he reported himself ready to pay over to the Treasurer of the Board, which was ordered to be done accordingly, for the use of the Asylum.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Asylum allow the Rev. Samuel K. Nelson a credit for \$150 advanced to Mr. John A. Jacobs in the city of New York, and the further sum of \$10 expended in printing his address in New Orleans.

Ordered that the Board be adjourned until next Friday.

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### **Centre College August 24, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour, John Green, Charles Henderson, William Miller, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, James Birney, Samuel K. Nelson.

The case of William Hudson came on for consideration, and he was heard in his defense. Whereupon the Board are of opinion that he has been guilty of gross neglect of study and of contempt to the authority of the Faculty. Therefore resolved that he be expelled from College unless he shall in ten days make atonement satisfactory to the Faculty, in which latter event it is recommended that he be restored to his former standing in College.

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Resolved that hereafter no student (except it be charity students) shall be admitted into College until he produces a certificate from the Secretary showing that he has paid the fees for the session in advance.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

### **September 2, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Samuel K. Nelson, Michael G. Youce, William Miller, Joseph McDowell, James Birney, Benjamin H. Perkins, Charles Henderson, James Barbour, Edward Worthington, John Green, Jeremiah Fisher.

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Resolved that Mr. Miles be authorized to have so much of the Refectory building painted as will be necessary for his present convenience and present his account to the Board for payment.

Ordered that the Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$52.25 for bed and clothing furnished for the use of the College.

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the state of the funds and effects belonging to this institution, and make a detailed report thereof to this Board at their next meeting, and that they have the aid and assistance of the Secretary for that purpose, and thereupon Benjamin H. Perkins, William Miller, and Charles Henderson was appointed a committee for that purpose.

Resolved that the Secretary of the Board do take immediate steps for the collection of all tuition fees and other College dues.

Resolved that Charles Henderson be authorized to contract with the Rev. Mr. *[Jeremiah]* Chamberlain for the purchase of the four shares held by him in the Refectory, and that he have authority to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

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The Board then adjourned.

*[No date shown - minutes appear between those of September 2, 1825 and October 6, 1825]*

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Chairman pro tem, Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, James Barbour, William Miller, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, Charles Henderson, Benjamin H. Perkins, Joseph McDowell.

Resolved that the Rev. Lyman Whitley be requested to solicit donations to this institution, and the amount when collected to be applied to the credit of the Synod of Kentucky, and that the Chairman and Secretary sign one of the printed addresses herewith presented and hand the same to Mr. Whitney.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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#### **Danville October 6, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Chairman pro tem, Joseph McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, James Barbour, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce, Benjamin H. Perkins, Charles Henderson, David G. Cowan, Secretary pro tem.

Ordered that Michael G. Youce and Benjamin H. Perkins be appointed a committee to procure at the cost of the Board one double bedstead and one table for each cottage.

Resolved that James J. Miles, steward *[of the Refectory]*, be authorized to charge rent at the following rate: for board, \$1.50 per week; for fuel \$1.50 per cord; for washing, 40 cents

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per dozen; for bedding \$2.50 per session; for candles 16 2/3 cents per pound. The above articles will be furnished by the steward at those prices, or procured by the student elsewhere at his option. The above prices are all in specie.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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### **November 3, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky on this 3rd day of November 1825, present James Birney, Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, David G. Cowan, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Barbour, Charles Henderson. The Chairman being absent Mr. Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

Resolved that James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, and Benjamin H. Perkins be appointed a committee on the part of this Board to confer with and receive from the trustees of the Synod books and apparatus not exceeding the sum of \$1,250 in part of the first \$5,000 to be paid by the Synod to the Centre College under an act of the last *[Kentucky General Assembly]* Legislature passed at its last session, and that the President be requested to aid said committee.

Resolved that David G. Cowan, Samuel K. Nelson, James Barbour, and Benjamin H. Perkins be a committee to make a report to the Legislature on the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

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The Board adjourned.

### **December 19, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College on this 19th day of December 1825, present James Birney, James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Jeremiah Fisher, Samuel K. Nelson, Charles Henderson, Benjamin H. Perkins, Edward Worthington. James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The cases of Joseph Sullivant and Stephen Jones who have been suspended by an order of the Faculty upon the charge "of leaving the Refectory without the permission of the Faculty" came on for consideration.

The President appeared before the Board and presented a paper signed by the

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Secretary of the Faculty containing the charges against said young gentlemen, but the Board being of opinion that said paper contains charges other than those furnished said students, ought not to be taken into consideration. The Board after hearing the defense of said students took the same under consideration, but not being sufficiently advised what decisions they should make took time for the consideration thereof.

The Board then adjourned to meet again on Saturday next at 11 o'clock a.m.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**December 24, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky on this 24th day of December 1825, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. James Birney, Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Ephraim McDowell, Charles Henderson, Benjamin H. Perkins, Michael G. Youce, David G. Cowan, Esquires.

Members present, also Joseph McDowell, and Samuel K. Nelson. The case of Stephen E. Jones being under consideration, Mr. Barbour submitted the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolve that as by the statutes of this institution the power of suspension is given to the Faculty. The Board deem it improper to interfere with the exercise of that power, without which it would be impracticable for the Faculty to command that due respect and obedience so essen-

tial to the progress of the pupils and the prosperity of the College, and therefore the Board decline taking any further order in this case at this time.

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Centre College that no student shall leave his place of boarding during the session without reasonable cause (to be judged of by the Faculty) or the permission of the President.

John Green and David G. Cowan are appointed a committee to address a letter to the directors of the American Asylum at Hartford acknowledged the obligations that this Board are under for the attention and assistance rendered Mr. John A. Jacobs while at their institution.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

**[November 1825]**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky on the *[day not shown]* day of November 1825. Present *[names not shown]*

Resolved that John Adamson Jacobs has fulfilled his agreement with the Board made previous to his departure to Hartford to obtain the instruction necessary to qualify him for the situation of a permanent teacher in the institution *[Kentucky School for the Deaf]* by his assiduity and economy in expense in accomplishing the object of his mission.

Resolved further that the mode of instruction pursued by the American Asylum at Hartford is in the

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opinion of this the best within knowledge from all the information in their possession.

Resolved further that as Mr. Jacobs has now returned well stored with the knowledge of the language of signs and well initiated in all the secrets of the system, he be appointed to the office of principal teacher at a salary of \$500 specie per annum, and his Board commencing on the *[day not shown]* day of November 1825.

Ordered that the principal teacher do as soon as practicable proceed to organize the institution as nearly as circumstances will permit upon the plan of the American Asylum by dividing the pupils in proper classes, and assigning them instruction such manner as he may deem most advantageous.

Resolved further that whenever any difficulty may arise, the principal or any other instructor may apply to the superintending committee who shall take such order thereupon as they may deem most expedient.

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**December 29, 1825**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Messrs. Edward Worthington, Samuel K. Nelson, Ephraim McDowell, Michael G. Youce, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, John Green, David G. Cowan, Charles Henderson, Benjamin H. Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Green, resolved that John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher, and James Barbour be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee to prepare a plan and make estimates of the cost of a suitable building for an Asylum of the Deaf and, and report to the next meeting of this Board.

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Resolved that the Committee of Superintendence, to wit David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Barbour, William Miller, Ephraim McDowell, and Jeremiah Fisher be directed to prepare and report to the next meeting of the Board such additional rules and regulations for the better government of the Asylum as they may deem necessary.

Resolved that this Board expect the *Faculty [minutes end]*.

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**Danville January 28, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan, Michael G. Youce, John Green, Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Barbour, James Birney, Charles Henderson, Esqr's.

Several propositions were laid before the Board to sell to them lots on which to erect an asylum for the tuition of the Deaf and Dumb. On mature consideration the Board accepted the proposition of John Tompkins for selling his house and appurtenances and ten acres of ground, therefore resolved that the proposition of John Tompkins for

selling to the Trustees for the benefit of the Asylum ten acres of ground be and the same is hereby accepted, and that John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher, and James Barbour be and

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they are hereby appointed a committee to close the contract, receive a deed, and execute under the seal of the Board a bond or bonds for the purchase money or such part or parts thereof as is not paid down, and that they have authority to draw on the Treasurer for all such sums as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved further that said committee be authorized to make such alterations or repairs on the property as may be deemed necessary for the more convenient acceptance of the same.

And thereupon said committee entered into a written contract with said Tompkins and the same reads in the following words and figures, to wit.

Memorandum of an agreement entered into this 28th day of January 1826 between John Tompkins of the one part and the Trustees of the Kentucky Institution for the Deaf and Dumb of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Tompkins agrees to sell to the said Trustees for the use of said Institution his three acre lot lying south of and adjoining the town of Danville, including his residence

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and other buildings and lying between the street passing by David Bell's residence to Clarks Creek and the street passing by the residence of Jeremiah Fisher when extended in the direction of said creek, and also seven acres of ground lying south of Mrs. Susan Shannon's ten acre lot and adjoining the same and East of said street when extended, and he also agrees to guarantee to said Trustees for the purpose aforesaid the use of Brown's Spring with a convenient way thereto forever, and to execute a deed accordingly so soon as the first payment is made, and the trustees agree that they will within two weeks from this day pay to the said Tompkins \$3,000 and in one year the further sum of \$2,000, all to be paid in notes of the Bank of the Commonwealth. Said Tompkins is to open the street between the two parcels of ground. In testimony whereof the said Tompkins and the Trustees aforesaid have hereto affixed their seals the day and year aforesaid.

John Tompkins (Seal)

Committee on the part of the Trustees, John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher

(Seal of the institution)

Witness, James Harlan, Secretary Board Trustees

The question being put whether the Board would ratify said contract it was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The Board was adjourned.

*John Boyle*

**Danville April 14, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, John Green, Samuel K. Nelson, William Miller, Jeremiah Fisher, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, Michael G. Youce. The chairman being absent, Mr. Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Cowan laid before the Board two letters from the Honorable Thomas P. Moore giving the intelligence that the act of Congress for the benefit of the Asylum for teaching the Deaf and Dumb had finally passed that body and become a law.

The Board then proceeded to the election of an agent to proceed forthwith to cause the land granted to said institution by said act of Congress to be located. Whereupon Mr. Nelson was appointed, who is authorized to locate and sell said land.

Mr. Nelson is authorized to draw \$500

in specie on account of his expenses, etc.

John Green, David G. Cowan, and Benjamin H. Perkins are appointed a committee to address a letter to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject of locating the land granted by act of Congress, and also to address a letter to Honorable Thomas P. Moore having the thanks of this Board for his industry, zeal, etc., in procuring the passage of said act.

The Board then adjourned until tomorrow.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville April 16, 1826**

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same members as yesterday. The Secretary being absent, David G. Cowan was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The committee appointed on yesterday made their report.

Ordered that any money paid to the Treasurer in specie for and on account of the College may be by him transferred to the credit of the Asylum at the rate of 33 1/3.

The letters to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Honorable Thomas P. Moore and the power of attorney to Mr. Nelson, prepared by order of the Board, were approved and ordered to be executed by the Chairman and Secretary and forwarded.

Resolved unanimously that hereafter all students entering Centre College residing at a distance from Danville be required to board in the Refectory, unless permitted by the Faculty to board elsewhere. This resolution however is not to apply to those at present connected with College.

Resolved that the thanks of this Board be presented to Major Thomas P. Moore, our Representative in Congress, for his ardent zeal, unremitting industry, and attention to, and able and efficient support of their application to the National Legislature [*U.S. Congress*] on behalf of the Deaf and Dumb, which has been finally crowned with success.

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Resolved further that a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to Major Moore.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**April 24, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, William Miller, John Green, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins, James Barbour, Michael G. Youce, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher. James Birney is appointed Chairman pro tem.

Ordered that the order made on the 27th September 1824 allowing to Mrs. Kerr \$100

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for her contingent expenses in mending, washing, etc., for the indigent pupils in the Asylum be rescinded, set aside, and held for naught.

Ordered that from and after the 3rd day of August next, the Superintendent of the Asylum shall be paid at the rate of \$90 (in Commonwealth Bank paper) for each indigent pupil he may board in the Asylum.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

**Danville June 1, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, David G. Cowan, William Miller, Charles Henderson, James Barbour, Michael G. Youce,

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Benjamin H. Perkins. The Chairman being absent, Mr. Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem.

A letter was laid before the Board from James Patton, Esq., of Ashville, North Carolina, informing the Board of the death of the Rev. Lyman Whitney, and that he had in his possession funds collected by him for the benefit of this institution.

Ordered that the Chairman cause to be made out fair copies of a power of attorney (marked A) and an official letter to James Patton, Esq., (marked B) herewith filed and hand the same over to the Rev. Dewey Whitney, who is hereby authorized and empowered to receive all monies in the hands of said Patton belonging to this Board.

The Board then adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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### **Danville August 5, 1826**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Kentucky Asylum for Teaching the Deaf and Dumb, present John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, Edward Worthington, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Charles Henderson, Michael G. Youce, William Miller, Samuel K. Nelson, Benjamin H. Perkins, David G. Cowan, John Green. The Secretary being absent, ordered that David G. Cowan be appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Saturday night.

*John Boyle*

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### **Danville August 12, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Michael G. Youce, Joseph McDowell, Charles Henderson, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, William Miller, Edward Worthington, John Green, Samuel K. Nelson.

Ordered that John Boyle, John Green, David G. Cowan, and James Barbour be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee in behalf of this Board to address a memorial to the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. S. to ratify the locations (as made by the Rev. Samuel K. Nelson) of lands granted by an act of the last Session of Congress to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum,

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and also to procure the consent of said Secretary to locate the remainder of the township granted in quarter sections.

A letter was presented to the Board from the Rev. Mr. *[Jeremiah]* Chamberlain addressed to the Chairman, tendering his resignation as president of this institution.

Ordered that Samuel K. Nelson, David G. Cowan, and Ephraim McDowell be a committee to correspond and procure a suitable person to fill the vacancy, etc.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

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**Danville September 9, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College, present John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Edward Worthington, Michael G. Youce, Charles Henderson, Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, David G. Cowan, Benjamin H. Perkins. The Secretary being absent, David G. Cowan was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion, it appearing from the report of the Treasurer that the full sum of \$5,000, the first payment stipulated to be made by the Synod, has been received.

Ordered that the Chairman sign the compact pursuant to the act of assembly on the subject.

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On motion, ordered that John Green, Edward Worthington, and David G. Cowan be a committee to address a letter to Mr. Chamberlain in answer to his letter declining further duties as president of this institution.

Present John S. Higgins.

Mr. Cowan from the Committee appointed to address a letter to Mr. Chamberlain reported the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the Trustees of Centre College that it is with much regret that they received on the 12 August the letter of resignation of the Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain as president of this institution. The Board feel sensible of the valuable service rendered by Mr. Chamberlain in building up to its present flourishing state our infant College, and would tender to him their ardent wishes for his prosperity, happiness, and usefulness in that clime to which, he informs us, he is called and feels it his duty to go, and present to him their unfeigned thanks for the fidelity and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the office of President of Centre College.

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Ordered that David G. Cowan and Ephraim McDowell be a committee to wait upon Mr. Chamberlain and present him with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The Board proceeded to the election of a president occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, whereupon the Rev. Thomas McCalla, D.D., of New York was unanimously elected, two thirds of the members of the Board being present.

Ordered that Messrs. Nelson, Cowan, and Ephraim McDowell be a committee to correspond with Dr. McCalla and advise him of his appointment.

The Board then adjourned.

*John Boyle*

**Danville October 16, 1826**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, James Barbour, David G. Cowan, John Green, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Michael G. Youce, Samuel K. Nelson

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Jeremiah Fisher, William Craig. The Chairman being absent, James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem. Present Benjamin H. Perkins

Resolved by the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky that a professorship be established in said College to be called and known by the name of *[name not given]*.

Resolved that to carry into effect the above resolution, all the funds which may hereafter be received from the Synod of Kentucky under a contract heretofore made, and all such as may be received by devise, donation, or otherwise, until the same amounts to \$25,000, be applied exclusively to the support and maintenance of said professorship.

Ordered that the Treasurer give bond and security to be approved by the Chairman in the penalty \$5,000 payable to the Chairman for the use of the institution conditions for the faithful discharge of his duties, etc.

Mr. Rice, assistant teacher in the Preparatory Department, to have a salary of \$300 in currency, and pay his own boarding and other expenses.

The Board adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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**Danville October 27, 1826**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present James Birney, Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Charles Henderson, William Miller, Benjamin H. Perkins, Michael G. Youce, David G. Cowan. James Birney was appointed Chairman and David G. Cowan Secretary.

Resolved unanimously that the Rev. David C. Proctor be appointed president pro tempore of Centre College with a salary of \$1,200 currency.

Ordered that the committee of correspondence inform Mr. Proctor of the same.

Adjourned.

*James Birney, Chairman pro tem*

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**[February 3, 1827]**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, James Barbour, Jeremiah Fisher, Michael G. Youce, Charles Henderson, Samuel K. Nelson, Benjamin H. Perkins, Edward Worthington, John Green, David G. Cowan.

The Board was informed that the trustees of *[Kentucky Presbyterian Church]* Synod desire a meeting with a committee of the Board on the 15th instant to consult in relation to the appointment of a permanent president - whereupon Samuel K. Nelson, John Green, and David G. Cowan appointed a committee to repair to Lexington for the purpose.

The Rev. Samuel K. Nelson appeared before the Board and made a free and voluntary donation of his share of stock in the Refectory of the College.

John Green, Esq., appeared before the Board and made a free and voluntary donation of one share of stock in the Refectory of the

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College - also Charles Henderson did the same as to one share.

Resolved that the collectors are hereby authorized to receive in payment of original subscriptions the stock which has been fully paid for in the Refectory of the College at the rate of \$60 per share.

Resolved further that such other stock holders as have paid up for their shares, shall be entitled to be paid dividends at the rate of three per centum per annum from the time of such payment until the first of April next, in lieu of their right to claim a proportion of rents and profits.

Resolved that James Barbour, Ephraim McDowell, Charles Henderson, and Joseph McDowell be a committee to settle with James J. Miles, steward of the Refectory, for the rent of the same from November 1825 till November 1826, and enter into a specific contract from the latter date for one year.

Ordered that Messrs. Birney, Perkins, and Youce be a committee to settle with Mr. *[Samuel K.]* Nelson and report to the next Board.

The Board adjourned.

*John Boyle*

**Danville February 20, 1827**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, Chairman, Edward Worthington, James Birney, William Miller, Charles Henderson, David G. Cowan, Ephraim McDowell, Michael G. Youce, William Craig, Joseph McDowell, Samuel K. Nelson, Benjamin H. Perkins, Jeremiah Fisher.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Rev. Thomas Cleland resigning his seat as a member of this Board.

Col. Samuel McKee, a member of this Board, having departed this life, his seat therefore is vacated.

Resolved unanimously that the Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., of Goshen, New York, be appointed president of this institution.

Resolved that hereafter the salary of the president of this institution shall be \$1,200 per annum in specie payable quarterly.

Ordered that the Committee of Correspondence inform Dr. Fisk of his appointment.

**Danville March 17, 1827**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College, present John Boyle, James Birney, Samuel K. Nelson, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Edward Worthington, John Green, Benjamin H. Perkins, Charles Henderson, Michael G. Youce, David G. Cowan, William Miller.

Ordered that Charles Henderson

be appointed a collector for the Board in addition to those heretofore appointed for the Asylum, and that he be authorized to receive specie at the present rate of exchange for the time being.

The Board came to the following agreement with Samuel K. Nelson, their agent, to locate and attend to business arising under the grant from Congress to the Asylum, viz., the Board allow him to retain ten percent on the net amount of money arising from sales of land and actually paid into the Treasury as a compensation for his personal services and his personal expenses from this period.

Resolved that the salary of Mr. James Buchanan be increased to the sum of \$800 in currency from and after the end of the present session.

The Board then adjourned.

**Danville March 31, 1827**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, present John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, Joseph McDowell, John Green, Ephraim McDowell, David G. Cowan, Edward Worthington, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher, William Miller.

Whereas the Board have been informed by the Rev. David C. Proctor, president pro tem of Centre College, that he would discontinue his services at the close of this session which has lately terminated, resolved that the Board do highly approve of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of president of the College, and that he be and he is hereby respectfully re-

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quested to continue to act as president thereof until his place can be supplied; and that Messrs. Green, Birney, and McDowell be a committee to communicate to him the wishes of the Board.

Ordered that Charles Henderson caused to be made on the College lot a pool for the purpose of keeping water.

The Board adjourned.

**Danville May 24, 1827**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College, present James Birney, Chairman pro tem, Joseph McDowell, Charles Henderson, Jeremiah Fisher, James Barbour, William Miller, James Green, David G. Cowan, Michael G. Youce.

On the motion of James Barbour,

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Treasurer of Centre College and the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, ordered that Charles Henderson, David G. Cowan, and William Miller or any two of them settle his accounts as such and report to the Board.

Ordered that James Barbour, the Treasurer of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, be authorized and directed to collect all monies due the Asylum for money loaned.

The Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, being disappointed in their expectations of procuring a president, and being satisfied with the Rev. David C. Proctor's discharge of the duties of president of the College, have come to the following resolution: Resolved that the Rev. David C. Proctor be respectfully requested to continue his services during the present session.

Resolved that William Miller and David G. Cowan be a committee to communicate the foregoing to Mr. Proctor.

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Ordered that Mr. Green be added to the committee of correspondence. The Board adjourned.

**Danville June 5, 1827**

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Asylum, present James Birney, Ephraim McDowell, Joseph McDowell, James Barbour, William Craig, Edward Worthington, William Miller, Michael G. Youce, Jeremiah Fisher, Charles Henderson, David G. Cowan, John S. Higgens. James Birney was appointed Chairman pro tem and David G. Cowan Secretary.

Mr. Cowan offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

The Board having received the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. Samuel K. Nelson, a member of their body, resolved that as a testimony

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of their veneration and regard for his memory, the members, Faculty, and students of the College and Asylum wear crape upon the left arm for thirty days.

The Board proceeded to the selection of an agent to succeed Mr. Nelson in the duties of agent for completing the location and making sale of the lands granted by Congress to the Asylum. Whereupon Richard C. Allin, Esq., of Tallahassee was unanimously chosen. And the said Richard Allin was and is hereby constituted and appointed the agent and attorney of this corporation, and that he is hereby authorized and empowered to select and locate under the directions of the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury all land granted to said corporation or institution in and by virtue of two several acts of Congress, and that the said Allin be authorized and empowered by himself or any sub agent he may think proper to constitute and appoint for and in behalf of said corporation, he being responsible for the acts of such agent, and to do all acts which

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may be necessary and proper to be done for the purpose of completing the title to said land and reducing the same to possession, and also that the said Richard C. Allin be authorized and empowered for and on behalf of said corporation all the right, title, and interest of said corporation in and to all or any part of said land, so to be selected and located, or which has heretofore been selected or located by the late Rev. Samuel K. Nelson, the former agent of this corporation, to sell, convey, or assign and to make and execute in the name of said corporation all such deeds or other writings as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and also to receive all monies or proceeds of such sales and all rents and profits which may be due and coming to said corporation.

And the amount of compensation to be allowed said Allin for his services of all descriptions was fixed upon at five percent upon the net proceeds of sales of lands actually paid over to this

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institution or deposited to the credit of the same in the branch of the United States Bank at the city of New Orleans or Mobile, said percent to be retained by said agent out of each and every payment or deposit made as aforesaid, certificates of which deposits shall be regularly transmitted by said agent to the Chairman of the Board. Provided however that before said Allin shall enter upon the duties of his said agency, he shall enter into bond to the Trustees in the penalty of \$50,000 for the faithful payment or deposit to the credit of this Board of all monies,

deducting his commissions of 5 percent as aforesaid, that he may from time to time receive on account of the same with two or more securities to be approved of by his Excellence Governor William P. Duvall of Florida.

Resolved that Richard C. Allin, the agent of this Board, be authorized to retain in addition to the five percent

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allowed to be retained as his regular compensation to retain out of the first money, he shall receive for and on account of the Board the amount of a note pay \$500 given of Mr. Nelson in the summer of 1826 to said Allin, in full discharge of said note, also the additional sum of \$ *[amount not shown]* to cover the amount of his traveling expenses from Tallahassee to this place and back.

The Board then adjourned.

**July 17, 1827**

At a meeting of the Trustees of Centre College, present Honorable John Boyle, Chairman, James Birney, James Barbour, Joseph McDowell, Ephraim McDowell, Charles Henderson, David G. Cowan, William Miller, Michael G. Youce, John Green.

Resolved that the corresponding committee be instructed to address a circular letter to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of Kentucky

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inviting them to attend a meeting of this Board on the 1st day of August to consult on the selection of an individual as president of Centre College.

The Board adjourned to 1st day of August next.

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