

Executive Committee -Citadel - March 5th 1885Present - Genl. Hagon, Maignault & Walker -Received sundry Reports, Papers &c including Ment
& Conduct Roll for Session 1884-5, from the
Supt.Supt made a verbal report of the condition of the
Academy - Under the verbal instructions of the Board
holding him primarily responsible for the correct management
of the Academy & requiring him to give a general supervision
to all of its Departments, he reported substantially as follows -In the Military Dept. - Maj. Cain, Lt. Weaver & Capt. Hall
efficient - Maj. Kemper & Lt. Mazzyck not efficient & consequently
influence on the Corps not good -In Academic Dept. - Prof. Cain & Asst. Prof. Hall entirely
satisfactory - Lt. Weaver - as Asst. in Dept. History &c fairly
efficient, though inexperienced - Prof. Kemper, very lax work
in his methods of instruction & discipline in the recitation room -
Asst. Prof. Mazzyck - Methods of instruction not approved & deemed
injurious to the mental training of the Cadet.In Gr. Mast. Dept. - Lt. White - inefficient as an Accountant
and under the influence of liquor & the knowledge of
the Supt. & Cadets -The Supt. asked the direction of the Committee as to
how he was to meet the difficulties of his position as
presented - i.e. to enforce a proper discipline & carry out
a proper system of education, with the inefficient officers
as reported -The Exec. Com. - decided that the issues presented were
of so grave a nature, that it was beyond their power
to act on them & the matter was deferred until the next
meeting of the Board -Meeting Adjourned -

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Present Genl. Hagood, Marniquet, Walker -

Ch. F. L. Townsend - Ben. Union Co. applies for discharge on ground that he is offered desirable business position -

Ordered - That the application be returned endorsed -
But the Board does not consider the reasons given in the application, sufficient to warrant the abrogation of the Cadet's contract with the State to serve until graduation or regular discharge & thereafter to teach for two years in the free public schools of the State -

Dr. Lewis - applies for Honorable Discharge of his son
Ch. Lewis - Ben. Boone - for reasons given -

Ordered - That since application filed & before meeting of Board, Cadet Lewis having been found deficient, the Board cannot grant the request -

The Chairman reported to Committee this course was approved -

1st That he had declined to grant Honorable Discharges except in exceptional cases, to Beneficiary Cadets - all such must be acted on by the Exec Com - or the Board -

2^d That in such cases reasons must be given by applicant -

3^d That in case Hon. Discharge was granted to Beneficiary Cadets that he would require said Cadet to teach in the public schools for a term in proportion to his service in the academy -

In the case of Cadet Culbreth - Protating Cadet -

Ordered that Cadet Memphis Culbreth be expelled

This boy afterwards joined in a mob that lynched his own father - in Zephyrfield Co. -

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From the Academy for gross disrespect to an officer, coupled with gross mis-statements as to the outrage he committed -

In the case of Cadet L. B. Austin - Ben. Pickens -
Ordered - That his suspension be approved & that he be dismissed the Academy -

Capt Hall - applies for payment of horse hire on parade 22nd Feb -
Ordered - Returned - Disapproved -

The Report of the Academic Board on the Merit Rolls for 1st Session 1884-5 received, its recommendations approved, and the following Cadets are dismissed for deficiency in Studies under the ~~St~~ Regulations -
Cadets R. E. Lewis, F. P. Huger, J. H. Deveraux & E. B. Stigh of 3rd Class - W. W. Moore, D. M. Graham, C. J. Bailey, E. Youmans & R. C. Holman of 4th Class -
The Merit & Conduct Rolls were approved -

Case of Cadet J. S. Cureton - Ben. Lancaster - application for Discharge on grounds that his parent had removed from the State -
Ordered returned endorsed - The Board does not consider the reasons given in the application, sufficient to warrant the abrogation of the Cadet's contract with the State, to serve until graduation or regular discharge - Thereafter to teach for two years in the free public schools of the State -

Case of Cadet Macfarland -
Ordered, that Cadet A. Macfarland be expelled for absence without leave -

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Case of Cadet Evans -

Ordered that Cadet Evans be dismissed for deficiency in conduct -

Case of Cadet Lucas -

Ordered that complaint be returned, endorsed -

1st. It is consistent with military usage that officers & Soldiers under charges, etc., at the discretion of a Commanding Officer, placed in arrest pending investigation -

2^d. An orderly, properly absent from Barracks, is not responsible for violations of Regulations in his room occurring during his absence -

3^d. The Board therefore is of the opinion that the course pursued by the Supt. in Cadet Lucas' case involves no departure from military usage and that the arrest & release of Cadet Lucas under the facts shown is without prejudice to his honor & standing as a Cadet -

On the Report of the Academic Board -

Resolved - That it is not expedient to graduate at the same time, the two Divisions of the 2^d Class & therefore Ordered

That the Supt. will cause the instruction of this class to be conducted in accordance with this view -

On the Recommendation of Profs Hall & Weaver, that the Sections of the 4th Class be constituted according to merit & not alphabetically -

Ordered that the communication be ^{returned} endorsed - The Board on the statement made, is favorably impressed with the proposed alteration, but refers the matter to the decision of the Supt. If any change is made however, it must be general in the Academy & not confined to any one class -

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On the communication of Maj. Cain -

Ordered - That it be returned sundry - 1st Nothing
The Supt's Endorsements there appears to have been
a misapprehension of facts in relation to the "final
chapter" to which reference is made -

2^d - The Board construes Par 42 - in connection with
Par. 3 - of the Regulations, and the responsibility to the
Board of the Professor under the former is through
the Supt. under the latter -

3^d - The Supt. has been heretofore instructed as above
& informed by the Board that he is held by ~~them~~ it
primarily responsible for the correct management
of the academy for the accomplishment of all the
ends for which it was established -

The following phrases were decided on to be officially
used for discharge of Cadets -

"Honorably Retired" - In case of Probationary Cadet failing
after trial or examination -

"Permitted to Resign" - In case of Probationary Cadet applying
for discharge before examination & in view
of expected failure -

"Dropped" - Pay Cadet failing in payment of dues -

"Dismissed" - Whenever used in the Regulations except
as modified above -

"Expelled" - wherever prescribed in the Regulations -

"Honorable Discharge" - For cases alone in which Cadets
record is clear ~~both~~ in matters both
of scholarship & discipline -

Board adjourned -

C. J. Wankle
Adj Secy -

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Executive Committee of the Board met at the Citadel
June 24th 1885 at 11 o'clock.

President Rev. John Bagot, C. Swales & Ammanigault

The resignations of the following Cadet Officers viz -

Capt. Waeker, Devereux & Gibbs

Lieuts. Robertson & Zimmerman

Serjts. Kinard, Coleman, McCown, China & Jafford.

Corpl. Crawford, Carson, Heath, Devereux & Lucas -

referred to the Chairman by the Supt. were submitted
by him & considered -

The simultaneous resignation of so many Cadet officers
together with unofficial information obtained, caused the
Board to fear that some serious trouble existed in the
ranks of the Corps of Cadets -

Confidence was asked with each member of the Faculty,
the Surgeon & Gr. Mar., all individually - all of
whom expressed their opinions &c. on the subject -

The Board Com. adjourned at 2 o'clock & met at 5³⁰ P.M.

Committee met at 5³⁰ P.M.

The Cadet Officers who had tendered their resignation
were called in individually until Col. Zimmerman
the fifth in rank was reached, when the lateness
of the hour required that the remaining eleven be
called in together -

The Chairman, speaking for the Committee, spoke
in substance to each as follows -

- 1st He defined the Military law of resignation,
that while an officer had the right at any time
to tender his resignation, yet the power of its acceptance
or refusal lay in the Government or applied
to this Corps, in the Board of Visitors -
- 2^d That he admitted (either verbally or of record)

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reason for the resignations under consideration was the indisposition to hold office, when an office had been conferred upon Cadet Schirmer. That the Board could not recognize the right thus asserted, on the part of Cadets to participate in the appointment of Officers.

3. That a Cadet having a supposed grievance, has the right to redress under Art. 83 Regulations and in the manner indicated in said Article -

Applying these principles to the case in hand, the resigning Cadets while they had an alleged grievance, had adopted an improper means of obtaining redress. Therefore if they desired to place themselves right, they should withdraw their resignations & prefer charge against Cadet Schirmer.

The Board felt it to be its duty to instruct Cadets in the Military Code to advise them in their proper course of action -

The Chairman advised each Cadet, that the Board would meet at 11 o'clock the next day & receive any communication he may see fit to make through the proper channels -

The Chairman stated that the father of C. Schirmer had demanded an investigation as to his son and that it would be made - and made if necessary at the instance of the Board.

The meeting adjourned -

Committee

Board met June 25th at 11 o'clock - all members present -

Rupt. submitted letters received from all the resigning Cadets heretofore named, withdrawing

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Their letters of resignation - This action disposed of the matter -

The following was unanimously adopted -

In the matter of Cadet Schmirer.

The father of Cadet Schmirer has addressed a communication to the Board of Visitors wherein he states upon information, that unfounded charges derogatory to the character of his son as a Cadet & of his fitness for the office to which he has been recently promoted are in circulation among the Cadets of this Institution, and he has further requested a full investigation of the same, calling upon the alleged accusers of Cadet Schmirer to make good their charges - The request for this investigation is granted and the same will be made at the session of the Board of Visitors during examination week in July next -

Counsel if desired will be allowed & the investigation had under the rules of Courts of Enquiry in the Army, as far as practicable.

The Supl. will communicate in orders the foregoing for the information of Cadets -

The Chairman was instructed to address the following letter to Mr. Jacob S. Schmirer, father of Cadet Schmirer -

Dear Sir - Your request for an investigation of the matter involved in the case of your son, will be complied with at the meeting of the Board of Visitors during the Annual Examination the last week in July next - You will be allowed counsel if you desire it & the investigation will be governed, as far as applicable, by the rules of Courts of Enquiry in the Army -

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A Communication was received from the Supt. charging 1st Certain Cadet officers with combinations - 2^d, All the Privates of the Corps, except Cadet W. Allan, with combinations - Both of the combinations were alleged to be in relation to the Schmier matter -

These were returned with the following endorsement

"That under circumstances existing of this date, it is deemed by the Board inexpedient to pursue these charges."

The Supt. also submitted a Communication referring a meeting of Cadets this morning -

These were returned with this endorsement -

Respy returns with the statement for the information of the Supt. that the assemblage referred to was unau-
thorized by what passed between the resigning Cadet officers & the Board, when these officers appeared before the Board on the previous evening -

The Committee adjourned -

C. J. Walker
Secy -

Office Ch. R. V. S. C. M. A.

Baltimore 28 July 1885-

Quarterly meeting of the Board of
Visitors is called for 10 A.M.
28th inst at the Citadel to sit as
a Court of Inquiry in the case of
Cadet George Schimm: and to con-
sider other matters of importance.

Members will notify Chairman
of their presence & attend.

Johnson Bayard
Ch. R. V.

Copy mailed
each member 28 July.

Office Ch Bd Westro & Co
 Wamwau 4 July 1883

Under verbal instructions of the Board of visitors holding him primarily responsible for the management of the Academy and requiring him to give a general supervision & all of its Departments, the Superintendent on 5 March last reported verbally to the Executive Committee then in session, among other things, substantially that Prof Kempu was very lax both in his methods of instruction and discipline in his Section room; and that in the Military Department he was inefficient with a consequent influence upon the Corps not good.

The Executive Committee decided to refer the matter to the full Board at its next session.

Subsequently Prof Kempu learning this the Superintendent of the Report & its character demanded of Chairman a thorough investigation of the charges made; and recently has requested that if practicable it be made by a Committee to report to Board - to the end that a searching analysis be had of his fitness for the position he occupies.

Proving a preliminary examination by a Committee almost essential to a full

investigation of the case; and that
 justice to all parties as well as
 the interests of the school require
 that such an investigation be
 made. The following members of
 the Board are appointed a Com-
 mittee to examine into and report
 upon the subject matter to the
 Board at its approaching session
 28 July inst; to wit: Genl. J. Walker
 Dr. B. Long & Col. H. Galiland,
 Thomas Bagrodch

Copy to Gen. Walker
 & the other
 members of Com.

Wm. Bagrodch

Upon the application of Prof.
 Waggch, against whom a similar
 report at same time and under
 same circumstances had been
 made by Supt. Committee was
 instructed subsequently to examine
 & report in his case.

Committee was also instructed
 to examine report ^{upon charges} ~~and report~~ ^{allegation of}
 Supt. as to Dr. Master White, infir-
 mency as an accountant &
 intemperance.

13 July 1885.

Bagrodch

Office Ch Bd Visitors
Barracks

16 July 1885

Charges + specifications having been filed by Cadet James P. Linnard against Cadet Sergeant Schimmer for conduct unbecoming a gentleman, the same will be tried by the Board of Visitors at its session on 28th inst in connection with the enquiry heretofore demanded by and accorded to Cadet Sergeant Schimmer.

The Supt will please on the day preceding the assembly of the Board, place Cadet Schimmer in arrest pending the trial.

Capt Hale heretofore detailed as Recorder will as Judge Advocate take the necessary preliminary steps in this connection.

Johnson Bagood
Ch.

Mar 5th + 6th

June 24th + 25th

Citadel, Charleston, S.C.,

Aug 1st. 1885.

The Board met at 10 A.M.

The whole Board was present.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee ^{held Mar. 5th to 6th and June 24th to 25th 1885.} of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Board~~ ^{the} ~~1885~~ were read and the action of the committee was approved.

The Chairman laid before the Board

#first 1st

the letter of resignation of Major Kemper. His resignation was accepted to take effect on the ^{and he is kindly granted leave of absence till that time.} ~~the~~ [#] 10th of October 1885, and the ~~Chairman~~ ^{Secretary} was requested to inform Maj. Kemper of the fact with expressions of the kind feelings of the Board. + Cadet Schirmer's case was taken up.
Board adjourned

Citadel, Charleston S. C.,

Aug. 3rd, 1885;

The board met this morning at 10 o'clock and the consideration of the case of Cadet Schirmer was continued.

The following is the charge, with its specifications preferred by Cadet Jas. P. Knicker against Cadet H. C. Schirmer:

Charge.

Conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

Specification 1.

In this, that on or about the eighth day of November 1883, at the Citadel, in Charleston, he the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer, did reveal to Cadet P. H. Samplet, the fact, that at the request of Cadet Silas J. McLaughlin, he had on that day taken a suit of Citizen's clothing from the room of him, the said McLaughlin in the said Citadel, and delivered the said clothing to Cadet James F. McGowan, in his, McGowan's room in said Citadel which fact the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer had faithfully and solemnly promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin not to reveal.

Specification 2.

In this, that on or about the eighth day of November 1883, at the Citadel, in Charleston, he the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer did inform Cadet P. H. Samplet, of the fact, that Cadet Silas J. McLaughlin

+ Secretary

Credits can
mistakenly
be allowed

and James F. McGowan, were the cadets who had broken garrison on the preceding night - to-wit, on the night of the 7th of November, 1883; which said fact had been confidentially imparted to the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer by the said Cadets Silas J. McCaughrin, and James F. McGowan, either or both of them, and which he the said Schirmer had faithfully and solemnly promised the said S. J. McCaughrin and James F. McGowan, either or both of them, not to reveal.

Specification 3.

In this, that sometime between the 10th day and the 20th day of November 1883, at the Citadel in Charleston, he the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer, did reveal and report to a Committee of Cadets appointed at a meeting of the Corps held on the 10th day of November 1883, under the sanction and by the authority of the Superintendent of the Institution, the fact that at the request of Cadet Silas J. McCaughrin, he, the said Cadet Schirmer, had taken a suit of Citizens' clothing from the room of the said Cadet McCaughrin, in the said Citadel and delivered the same to Cadet James F. McGowan, in his, McGowan's room in said Citadel on the 8th day of November 1883; which said fact, the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer had faithfully and solemnly promised the said Cadet S. J. McCaughrin not to reveal.

Specification 4.

In this, that some time between the 10th day and 20th day of November 1883, at the Citadel in Charleston, he the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer, did reveal and report to a committee

of cadets, appointed at a meeting of the Corps held on the 10th day of Nov. 1883 under the sanction and by the authority of the Superintendent of the Institution - the fact that cadet Silas J. McCaughrin and James F. McGowan were the cadets who had broken garrison on the night of the 7th of November 1883, which said fact had been confidentially imparted to the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer by the said Cadets McCaughrin and James F. McGowan, either or both of them, and which the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer, had faithfully and solemnly promised the said cadets S. J. McCaughrin & James F. McGowan, either or both of them, not to reveal.

Specification 5.

In this, that sometime between the 10th day and the 20th day of Nov. 1883, at the Citadel in Charleston, he the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer being a private in the corps and not called upon by official duty to report did voluntarily report to Superintendent J. P. Thomas and to the Board of Officers of the State Military Academy, the fact that on the 8th day of November 1883, at the request of Cadet Silas J. McCaughrin he had taken a suit of citizen's clothing from the room of the said Cadet McCaughrin and delivered the same to Cadet James F. McGowan in his McGowan's room in the said Citadel, which fact the said Cadet H. C. Schirmer had faithfully and solemnly promised the said cadets S. J. McCaughrin, not to reveal.

Specification 6.

In this, that some time between the 10th day and the 20th, day of Nov. 1883, at the Citadel in Charleston, he the said Cadet - H. C. Schurmer, being a private in the Corps and not called upon by official duty to report did voluntarily report to Superintendent J. P. Thomas, and to the Board of officers of the State Military Academy - the fact, that Cadets S. J. McLaughlin and James F. McGowan were the cadets who had broken garrison on the night of the 7th of November 1883, which said fact - had been confidentially imparted to the said Cadet Schurmer by the said Cadets McLaughlin and McGowan, either or both of them, and which the said Cadet Schurmer had faithfully and solemnly promised the said Cadets S. J. McLaughlin and James F. McGowan either or both of them not to reveal.

Specification 7.

In this, that sometime between the 10th day and the 20th day of Nov. 1883, at the Citadel in Charleston, he the said Cadet - H. C. Schurmer being a private in the corps and not called upon by official duty to report did report voluntarily to Superintendent J. P. Thomas, and to the Board of officers of the State Military Academy, the fact that on or about the 8th day of November 1883, Cadet - McLaughlin had requested him Cadet Schurmer to tell cadet Pelzer that when the Col asks him, he (Pelzer) must tell the Col, that he had told McLaughlin that some boys had broken

garrison the night before, which said message, the said Cadet Schirmer had willingly received from the said Cadet McLaughlin and had promised him faithfully and solemnly not to reveal.

Opinion of the Court of Inquiry composed of the Board of visitors S. C. M. A. in the case of H. C. Schirmer, Cadet Supt. S. C. M. A.

The Court having maturely considered the evidence adduced finds the accused H. C. Schirmer, Cadet Supt. S. C. M. A.:

Of the 1st Specification: Guilty: Except the words, "faithfully and solemnly" and the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin. As to the words "faithfully and solemnly" the Court finds the accused, not guilty; and in place of the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin" the Court substitutes the words, "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin or Cadet E. B. Slight".

Of the 2nd Specification: Not Guilty. But does find that the accused mentioned to Cadet Lamplet unofficially and in confidence the circumstances which as established in the finding above he had promised not to reveal.

Of the 3rd Specification: Guilty, except the words: "faithfully and solemnly" and the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin" Of the words, "faithfully and solemnly" the Court finds the accused not guilty, and in place

of the words: "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin" the Court substitutes the words: "promised the said cadet S. J. McLaughlin or Cadet E. B. Sleigh."

Of the 4th Specification: Not Guilty: but does find that the accused, in response to the resolutions of the Corps of Cadets at a meeting authorized by the Superintendent and in accordance with Regulations, did report to the Cadet Committee, appointed by said Corps, the circumstances which in the finding announced above he had promised not to reveal.

Of the 5th Specification: Guilty: except the word "voluntarily", the words "faithfully and solemnly" and the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin". For the word "voluntarily" the Court substitutes "in response to resolutions of the Corps of Cadets", of the words "faithfully and solemnly" the Court finds the accused "not guilty" and substitutes for the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin" the words "promised the said Cadet S. J. McLaughlin or Cadet E. B. Sleigh".

Of the 6th Specification Not Guilty.

Of the 7th Specification, Guilty, except the word "voluntarily" and the words "promised him faithfully and solemnly not to reveal". For the word "voluntarily" the Court substitutes: "in response to the resolutions passed by the Corps of Cadets, and of the words - "promised him faithfully and solemnly not to reveal" the Court finds the accused not guilty.

As to the charge: - After a searching and careful investigation the Court concludes

that while guilty of the specifications as amended above and, strictly considered, guilty of a fault, yet the circumstances shown are such as to relieve Cadet Schirmer from evil intent, and therefore the Court finds him not guilty.

Citadel Aug 3rd - 1885

Afternoon Session.

The Board met at 2 P.M. Present: the whole Board, except Mr Gaillard.

The report of the Superintendent on the suspension of Cadet W. Walker was taken up and the following resolution adopted, to wit: "Considering the question raised in this case by the cadet as to the rule adopted by the Academic Board, as to inflicting demerits for neglect of study, the action of the Academic Board is approved as within their powers under the regulations and the suspension of the Cadet is confirmed."

The report of the Supt. on suspension of Cadet Courtenay was taken up and the same action taken as in the case of Cadet W. Walker.

The Board then adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Citadel, Charleston, S. C.,

Aug 4th, 1885

The Board met at 10. A.M. All were present except Mr. Gaillard.

The following letter was received from

Wm. A. Courtenay:

"Dear General:

I have been informed that the request contained in my recent letter in regard to my son, has been refused by the Board. I would be obliged to you if you would state the ground of such refusal on the back of this letter and return the same to me.

Very respectfully

To Gen. Hagoood

W. A. Courtenay.

Chairman Board Visitors.

The extract of the minutes covering the action of the Board in the case of Cadet Courtenay was, in answer to the request of Mr Courtenay endorsed on the back of the letter and the same returned to him, ~~with the additional endorsement: "Same action as in Cadet Walker's case"~~.

The following report of the Committee to examine charges against certain officers was received:

To the Board of Visitors -

Gentlemen -

Your

committee appointed by the Chairman to investigate certain charges made by the Supt. against Professor Kemper, Asst. Prof. Mazzyck and Q. Mast. White, would respectfully report -

That the Committee met at the Citadel July 15th, 1885. That Col. Thomas was invited to make a statement; the purport of what he said is embodied (by his request) in the paper marked #1.

The committee then visited the Section Rooms of nearly all the Faculty, to avoid appa-

sent discrimination, and with the same intent, required all the Faculty to drill before them, executing certain prescribed manœuvres. The Committee recognized the insufficiency of the tests, but could not, under the circumstances do better.

✓ ~~Maj. Gen.~~ ^{Maj.} Kemper having resigned previous to this report it is unnecessary for the Committee to report in his case.

In the case of Prof. Mazyck the Committee found nothing either in the Section Room or on the Drill to sustain the charges of the Supt. His statement is submitted herewith, marked #2.

✓ The Committee then visited the office of the Q. Master, and examined his books, records &c., and found them all in good order. The fact as reported by the Supt. that July 1st, 1884 the Academy owed over \$4000 and to-day nothing bears ample testimony to the efficiency of the Quarter Master.

They visited the Mess-Hall and found the fare good and substantial. No evidence was presented other than that of the Supt. as to the charge of being under the influence of liquor and the Committee believe, that if his continuance in office is made contingent on his sobriety, that no further cause of complaint will be found.

C. J. Walker

Sam B. Jones

H. A. Gaillard

} Committee,

Charleston S.C., Aug 3, 1885.

✓ Ordered that the charges against Prof. Mazyck and Q.M. White be dismissed and that a copy

of the report be furnished Q. M. White for his information.

In the case of Cadet Townsend, suspended for desertion - ordered that he be expelled.

In the case of Cadet Gibson, suspended for deficiency in conduct, - ordered that the suspension be confirmed.

In the case of Cadet Gluzener, suspended for entering a bar in uniform, - ordered that the suspension be confirmed and the Cadet dismissed.

In the case of Cadet A. D. Boylston, application for honorable discharge, the application was granted to date from July 1st, 1885.

In the case of Cadet Easterby's application for honorable discharge, the application was granted to take effect July 1st, 1885.

In the case of Cadet Kulo suspended for deficiency in conduct, - ordered that the suspension be confirmed and the Cadet be dismissed.

The case of Cadet Aiken was considered and he was granted an honorable discharge to take effect July 1st, 1885, demerits received after that date being considered by the Board as under the circumstances, not to be ^{recorded against} ~~attributed~~ to him.

The case of Cadet Guess was considered. Cadet Guess who, while under suspension for having received over 200 demerits and before leaving barracks did assail a cadet officer who in the discharge of his duty had made the report which brought his (Guess') demerits above the limits - is expelled from the Academy.

The Case of Cadet Wroton was considered charged with being present at and as-

isting in an assault upon an officer
 for a report made in the discharge of
 his duty. Also with insubordinate
 words to the Supt. after suspension
 and further, in violation of orders pub-
 lishing without permission a card
 in a newspaper in relation to an
 Academic matter, Cadet Wroton appear-
 ed before the Board and was heard in
 his own behalf. The Board decides that
 his suspension to date be confirmed
 and that the Cadet be restored to duty
 upon the following conditions: to wit-

that for violation of orders in pub-
 lishing his card in the newspapers Ca-
 det Wroton receive five demerits marks
 upon his record for the ensuing year;
 for his insubordinate language to the
 Supt., he receive ten demerits upon
 the same record, and for his presence
 at and assistance in the assault upon
 the officer he be reprimanded in or-
 ders and be placed in arrest for
 one month commencing with the
 beginning of the next Academic
 Session. On this resolution Gov.
 Thompson desires to be placed on record
 as voting against the restoration of
 the Cadet.

It was ordered that Section 3 of
 the Regulations be amended so as
 to read:

General duties of Superintendent. - The Super-
 intendent will have the immediate
 government of the Academy and
 be held primarily responsible in every
 Department. All Professors, Teachers &c. (to

end of section)

Also ordered that Section 42 be amended so as to read:—

Each Professor and Instructor at the head of a separate Department, shall be the judge of the proper mode of conveying instruction in his own Department and shall be held responsible to the Board of Visitors, through the supervision of the Superintendent, for the correctness of that mode.

The resignation of Col. J. P. Thomas as Supt. of the Academy was received and accepted by the Board ^{to take effect Oct. 1st 1885} and the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, that the Board of Visitors in accepting the resignation of Col. J. P. Thomas, Supt. S. C. Military Academy, desires to express its sense of the zeal and earnestness with which he has discharged the duties of his office and that in retiring from the Institution he carries with him the best wishes of the Board for his future welfare—

Resolved: that the Secretary be instructed to furnish Col. Thomas with a copy of these resolutions.

Ordered that the Q. Master be instructed to put up a gymnasium in the West Wing or such other part of the premises as the Superintendent may direct, and under the Superintendent's supervision at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Cadet Matheson's application dated July 3rd 1885 asking for the creation of a clerkship in the Supt's office

and his appointment thereto was read. Ordered that the Board decline to create the clerkship suggested.

Cadet Matheson's application for honorable discharge was considered. The Board conceiving that the reasons given for the application are not sufficient to abrogate the contract with the state ordered that the application be declined.

Cadet Parker's application for honorable discharge was considered ordered that the application be granted and that for facts shown the dues for two months already paid in viz: \$50.00 be refunded by Quarter Master.

Considered Capt Halls application in reference to ventilation ^{considered} ~~referred~~. Ordered that O.M. investigate and report to executive committee who shall have power to act. Lieut Weaver's communication considered. Referred to executive committee with power to act when the next session opens.

Upon examining report of beneficiaries present and absent the following vacancies were ordered to be filled.

Abbeville	1
Aiken	1
Anderson	1
Chester	1
Colleton	1
Greenville	1
Georgetown	1
Kershaw	1
Newberry	1

Oconee	1
Pickens	1
Richland	2
Spartanburg	1
Sumter	1
Union	1
Williamsburg	1

The Chairman submitted for special instruction the application of Mr. W. H. R. Workman for permission for his son J. J. Workman, to appear in competitive examination for appointment as Beneficiary Cadet. It appearing that Mr Workman has already one son a beneficiary in the institution the application was declined.

✓ The application of Mr D. P. Patterson for his son, a pay cadet, to appear before the competitive board in Colleton to fill a vacancy in beneficiary appointment from said County, ^{submitted} ~~ordered~~ ^{that it} will be granted upon his submitting to the Chairman of the Board the usual certificate to be approved by the executive Committee.

✓ The Report of the Supt. submitted. Considering the same, ordered 1st that all members of the 1st & 2nd Divisions 2nd Class be advanced, ordered 2nd that Cadet Moses Beneficiary be dismissed for deficiency in mathematics.

3rd that Cadet ^{Wester} deficient in mathematics be turned back to resume the studies of the 3rd Class, and that the remaining members of the 3rd Class, be advanced. 4th. That cadets A. Rose and B. Lucas deficient in mathematics be

turned back to resume the studies of the 4th Class. and that the remaining members of the 4th Class be advanced.

Ordered; that the ~~termination~~ ^{recommendation to terminate} of the session of each year ^{on} ~~with~~ ^{until} July 1st be not approved.

Cadet Schirmer's Case.

When the recent Court of Inquiry was convened the Board of Visitors reserved to itself to inquire beyond the Charges and Specifications presented, into the fitness of Cadet Schirmer for the office to which he was appointed. Having discharged this duty, Resolved: that considering all the circumstances ^{and facts} developed, while the Board have acquitted Cadet Schirmer in the Court of Inquiry of the Charge affecting his character as a gentleman yet, in their apprehension* the Academic ^{had} ~~does~~ ^{had} ~~not~~ ^{not} exhibited qualifications enabling him to discharge the duties of an officer usefully to the Academy. The Supt. is therefore directed to revoke Cadet Schirmer's appointment as a Sergt. of the Corps.

Saml. B. Jones
Sec -

Charleston S. C.

Aug 5th, 1885.

The Board met at Charleston Hotel at 9:30 A.M. Present; Gen. Hagood, Col. Croft, Gen. Walker, Gov. Thompson and Gen. Mangault.

The following letter from Col. Thomas was submitted

Gen. Hagood

Chairman Bd. Visitors, S. C. M. A

Sir:

I have received the order, of the Board of Visitors directing me to revoke Cadet Schirmer's appointment as a Sergeant of the Corps.

Without entering into the question of the legality of the order, I have the honor to decline to be the instrument, in my official position as Superintendent, for doing what I regard a serious injustice to a worthy and deserving Cadet, by inflicting upon him that punishment which, by the regulations of the Academy, is specially appropriated to the case of a "Cadet officer who neglects his duty and betrays the confidence reposed in him" - neither of which offenses Cadet Schirmer has committed or is alleged to have committed.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Jno. P. Thomas

Col. Comdg. Supt.

Minutes read and, as corrected by interlineations, confirmed.

On motion the order of Board of Visitors meeting Aug 4th announcing decision of Board in Schirmer's case was reconsidered.

Resolved, that the said order be reformed as follows:

Cadet Schirmers case. - When the recent Court of Inquiry was convened the Board of Visitors reserved to itself to inquire beyond the charge and specifications presented, into the fitness of Cadet Schirmer for the office to which he was appointed. Having discharged this duty resolved, that considering all the facts and circumstances developed, while the Board have acquitted Cadet Schirmer in the Court of Inquiry of the charge affecting his character as a gentleman, yet, in their judgment his original appointment was inexpedient in that these facts and circumstances had not exhibited in the Cadet qualifications enabling him to discharge the duties of an officer usefully to the academy. Cadet Schirmer's appointment as a Sergeant of the Corps is ^{therefore} hereby revoked.

On motion the action of the Board relative to Col. Thomas' resignation at the meeting of Aug. 4th, was reconsidered and the following substituted therefor to wit, - the resignation of Col. Thomas was submitted. Resolved 1st, that Col. Thomas' resignation as Superintendent be accepted to take effect to-day. 2nd, that the senior officer present for duty is placed in command and will discharge the duties of Superintendent until further orders. 3rd, that the officer so acting shall be entitled to draw extra pay at the rate of fifty dollars per month.

C. J. Warner
 adj. Recy

Columbia S.C

14 September 1885

Board met this day

Present

Gen John M. Stagg, Gen H B
Thompson, Gen J M Manigault
D-S B Jones, Col E Croft and
H A Guillard.

Board acted upon certain applica-
tions for Beneficiary Cadetships in
the Academy.

The following were approved by the
Board -

B L Alley	Co - Spartanburg	P O Ironville
Thos Hugh James	Chesfield	
A M Parler	Colliton	
Wm M Lewis	Chester	
A M Dupre	Abbeville	
J G Capers	Greenville	
A E Cornwell	Chester	

Following - approved by the Chairman

B M Sullivan	Greenville -	Pelzer
W J McDavid	Abbeville -	Due West
J H Jaggert	"	Greenwood
A S King	"	Sixty Six
L M Haskell -	"	Abbeville Ck
G H Parks	"	"
B D Hodges	"	Hodges
J M Patterson	Colliton	Walterboro.
B A. Mitsell -	"	"
A A Carter	"	Carters
J B. Padgett	"	
Wm B Verdun	Greenville -	Greenville
G R Mayfield -	"	Marion

Wm B. Patton	Spartanburg	Cross Anchor
B. B. James	"	Pacolet
W. M. Smith	"	Glenn Springs
Wm L. Robt.	"	Gaffney City
S. B. Platt	Aiken	Aiken
John Hanney	"	Saugley
Wm A. Miller	Auderson	Auderson
D. J. Wilson	Clarendon	Manning
Chas W. Wolf	Williamburg	Kingslee
D. M. D. Fraser	Sumter	Michamisth
R. L. Dozier	"	Sumter
J. J. Green	"	Maynoia
W. Glazener	Pickens	Briggs P. O.
R. S. Blackem	Richland	Eastover
A. G. LaMotte	"	Columbia
C. E. Johnson	Union	Union
J. M. H. Calhoun	"	"
G. L. Harris	"	Jonestown
J. L. Sauplich	Georgetown	Georgetown
R. B. Birmingham	Kershaw	Liberty Hill
E. C. Hughes	"	Anders
J. H. Shannon	"	"
C. D. Clarke	Jacobery	Jacobery
M. J. Hunter	Chester	Chester

The following unfavorably Canceled

By Board

H. L. Gibson	Richland	Columbia
R. J. Middleton	Charleston	Charleston
Thos. S. Sease	Jacobery	Prosperity
Walter M. Smith	Equality	Auderson
H. H. Bradley	Sumter	Slatingburg
Walter Sigow	Spartanburg	Spartanburg
James J. Jeter	Union	Santee

Following papers, were submitted by the Chairman - to wit Paper from St Mavor on Guard duty, and paper on Compilation of Standing Orders of the Academy.

Orders

That these papers be submitted to the next Superintendent for remarks, when selected and returned for consideration of Board at its next meeting in December

Application of Cadet Mathews, for an Honorable discharge, submitted and considered by Board - and following action taken

Res^d -

That the action of Board at its last meeting, refusing the application be rescinded -

That an Honorable discharge be granted to Cadet Mathews, upon condition that he teach in the Public Schools of his County for the period of one year -

Application of Sh Mazyck for increase of salary laid before the Board

Res^d -

That the salary of Sh Mazyck be increased to fifteen hundred Dollars per annum -

Superintendency -

Several names were suggested for the office of Superintendent. Res^d -
 that Mr P Thomas resigns -

After full and free discussion the Board adjourns to meet at 10 O'Clock AM on 15th

15th September 1885-

Board met at 10 AM

Present -

All the members -

Board resumed discussion of the question of election of a Superintendent. After full discussion, Genl George D Johnston of Alabama was nominated, and a vote being taken, carried in his election, Genl Manigault & Genl Walker voting in the negative.

On motion of Genl Walker the vote was made unanimous.

On Motion - Genl Johnston was declared elected Superintendent of the Academy and Professor of Belles Lettres, History, and Ethics.

Following motions adopted

Mov^d

That the election of Professor of Physics and Chemistry be postponed until the annual meeting of the Board in November

Mov^d

That the Chairman be authorized to make temporary arrangements for filling this Chair -

Board adjourns -

H. G. Williams

Secy -

Charleston S.C.

6 Nov 1885

Board met this day at 10 AM at
the Charleston Hotel. at their annual
meeting

Present

Genl Stagood -

Gen Thompson

Gen Mangault

Dr S B Jones

Col Ed Croft

Gen C F Walker

St Gaudin

The Chairman submitted and read the
annual report of the Superintendent -
and submitted the annual financial
report of the Quartermaster

The following committee appointed
to examine and verify the accounts of the
Quartermaster - viz -

Gen Mangault

Col Croft

St Gaudin

A letter was read from St White asking
to be refunded the amt of mch paid
out by him for quantities of St Wagon - here
before approved by the Board -

Resd

That the Board decline to consider
the application of St White as a matter
already acted on and disposed of by the
Board - Resd - That the sum of one
hundred and fifty dollars be allowed and paid to
St White as extra compensation for services

reviewed by ^{him} during the past year

At 4 O'Clock P.M. Board reviewed the Corps of Cadets and inspected buildings at Citadelle.

7 O'Clock P.M.

Board reassembled and proceeded to consider the question of electing a Professor to the vacant Chair of Chemistry and Physics.

Twenty one Applications - with accompanying testimonials were read - and a vote being taken, Professor W. G. Brown of the University of Virginia was declared elected and ordered to report to the Superintendent, at the Citadelle.

Following Resolution was passed Res^d. That the Present Superintendent having no actual service won the title of Brigadier General, retain the same rank and title.

Application of the Lafayette Artillery for space in Citadelle grounds to erect a Gunshed, was considered.

Res^d - That the Board report that it cannot grant the application, as all the grounds of the Academy are absolutely needed for its own purposes, and the portion asked for is now being developed as a private recreation ground for Cadets.

Following Resolutions were passed -

Res^d -

That the Superintendent be authorized

to sell to the best advantage the remaining bricks of the burnt wing and turn the proceeds into the general fund of the Academy.

Res^d - That Cadet Giles reported as absent without leave since October 1 1888 and his absence unexplained, he dropped from the Rosts as a deserter - The Superintendent will announce the same in Orders.

Res^d - That Cadet Hay on account of disabling ^{illness} duly certified to by his Attending Physician, and on his own application, he honorably discharged - promised to teach one year and a half in a free public school, in accordance with his matriculation promise.

Res^d - That the Superintendent be instructed to take the Corps of Cadets and such Professors as may desire to go to the State Fair at Columbia, Thursday 12th November for an exhibition and in the Grounds, and return that night.

A communication from Capt. Hall asking "for the position and pay of full Professor in the Department of Drawing" considered.

Res^d That the Board deem it inexpedient to create the Professorship of Drawing.

Board adjourned to meet at 10 AM on the 1st November.

Charleston S.C.

7 Nov 1888-

Board met pursuant to Adjournment
Present -

Whole Board -

Applications of Certain Cadets for
increase of Clothing Allowance and
orders to be returned with following
indorsements on each application

"Reply returned through Genl Johnson
The writer is informed that the reduc-
tion in Clothing to which he alludes, was
made to bring the total expense of
each Cadet within the three hundred
Dollars allowed. If more is allowed for
Clothing, expenses of Mess Hall and other
expenses must be reduced to that extent

Present scale and proportion of expenses
has been adjusted with great care and
deliberation, and the Board deem it best
to adhere to it

Following resolutions adopted

Resolved That the suggestions of the Superin-
tendent made as recommendation of the
Academic Board - in relation to time of
graduation of the 2^d Division of 1st class
are hereby adopted.

Resolved That the sum of Fifty Dollars
be appropriated for the purchase of peri-
odicals for the use of the Cadets

Read

That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to apply a sum not exceeding Five hundred Dollars in purchase of Apparatus in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, if in his judgment the financial condition of the Institution will warrant.

After considering and agreeing to a report to be made to the next Assembly at its next session - as required by Law - the Board adjourns -

H. G. Latta

Secretary