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On motion,

Resolved, that the officers and professors of the Citadel Academy at Charleston, consist of one Superintendent, with a salary of Eighteen hundred Dollars one Professor with a salary of Fourteen hundred Dollars, one Professor with a salary of One thousand Dollars, one Bursar with a salary of Eight hundred Dollars, and one Surgeon with the pay of Three hundred and sixty Dollars per annum and that the Chairman of this Board be directed to advertise the same

The Board then adjourned to meet at the Citadel in Charleston on the 23rd Feb^r next.

J Matthews
Acting Secretary -

Citadel, Charleston

Thursday 23rd Feb^r 1843

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board convened this day at the Citadel at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present

James Jones, Chairman

D. F. Jamison John A. Means

W. J. Hanna J. W. Cantey

Read various applications for offices in the Citadel Academy with accompanying testimonials of qualification, and at 4¹/₂ P.M. adjourned to meet on to morrow at 9 o'clock A.M.

Friday 24th February 1843

The Board met at 9 o'clock A.M.

Present

James Jones

D. F. Jamison John A. Means

W. J. Hanna J. W. Cantey

Finished the reading of all the applications for offices, and appointments in the Citadel Academy, with the accompanying testimonials whereupon on motion it was

Resolved, that the Board forthwith proceed to elect by

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by ballot the officers of the Citadel Academy

The Board then proceeded to elect the officers, which resulted in the choice of

- W. H. Graham Superintendent
- Francis W. Capers First Professor
- J. C. B. Finley Second Professor
- Doctor H. Boylston Surgeon
- J. Ladson Gregorie Bursar
- Wm. Yeardon Arsenal Keeper

The following resolutions were adopted by
Resolved,

That the first Professor in the Citadel Academy at Charleston have the rank and title of First Lieutenant and the second Professor the rank and title of Second Lieutenant,

Resolved,

That in addition to the duties now required of the Arsenal Keeper of the Citadel Academy in Charleston he be appointed Powder Receiver at the Magazine

Resolved - That the following named persons be admitted into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia as Beneficiary Cadets, viz

- James McCaw ✓ R. D. Devill ✓
- Daniel McEugen ✓ Mc Belton O Kealle
- C. G. Bellings ✓ Joseph Howell ✓
- Ralph Burnet ✓ ✓ Luther Williams

and that they report themselves to the Superintendent on or before the twentieth of March next

Resolved - That the following named persons be admitted as Beneficiary Cadets into the Citadel Academy at Charleston, viz

- William Staley Samuel Dixon Theodore Lane - C. Stoppelbein
- Washington Croft - John A. Swift - Robert Simons - Chas O Lamotte
- Judah Alexander Chas C Jew - Wilbrandt Schmidt - Wm W Wilbur
- Wm L Lockwood - Robt D Landreth - Jos P. Reeves Alex P Brock
- Ino Campbell Thos H Salinas Robt J Lester Henry Castin

and that they report themselves to the Superintendent, on or before the twentieth day of March next

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Resolved, - That the following named persons be admitted as Paycadets, into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia, viz,

- ++ (6) Zachariah Cantey ✓ Thomas H Lyon ✓ Tho' J Summer ✓
- G W Lamar. ✓ Jas W D'Lyon ✓ Bennet Crafton.

and that they report themselves to the Superintendent on or before the twentieth of March next

Resolved That Luther Williams a Beneficiary Cadet be admitted into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia, for the term of three years instead of four

Resolved That the 15th Rule be so altered as to require the payment of the sum of two hundred dollars from pay Cadets to wit, the sum of fifty dollars quarterly in advance, in lieu of the sum therein required to be paid

The Board then adjourned to meet to morrow at 9 o'clock A.M

Saturday 25th February 1843

The Board convened this morning at 9 o'clock A.M

Present

James Jones

D H Jamison John H Stearns

Wm J Hanna J W Cantey

The following resolutions were adopted viz,

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Citadel Academy be instructed to enquire whether the applicant Charles J Granger, desires to be admitted as a Beneficiary or Pay Cadet, and if he find that he wishes to be admitted as a Beneficiary, that he further enquire whether his means or that of his parents are sufficient to give him an education, and if they are not, that he be admitted as a Beneficiary; If he desire to be admitted as a Pay Cadet, that the Superintendent shall have power to admit him upon his complying with the regulations prescribed for such Cadets.

Resolved - That M C Shopper Bursar and Powder Receiver at the Arsenal Academy, be granted leave of absence from that post, for a term not exceeding six weeks at any time during the ensuing Spring

Resolved - That Cadet Weathersby be dismissed from the Arsenal Academy at Columbia.

Resolved - That the Superintendents of the Arsenal Academy at Columbia and the Citadel Academy at Charleston be required to present a suitable Uniform for both officers and cadets of the above named Academies and confer with each member of the Board of Visitors by letter upon the subject and upon receiving the approbation of a majority of the Board, the Uniform so prescribed, shall be adopted.

Resolved That the Chairman of this Board be authorized to admit into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia, nine pay cadets and into the Citadel Academy at Charleston, sixteen Beneficiary, and thirty nine pay cadets requiring in all cases the testimonials required by the regulations, and giving a preference to the districts entitled

Resolved That Lieutenant J. Matthews be appointed Clerk to this Board, and that he be paid one hundred dollars pro annum for that service - the salary to commence from the eleventh day of January last.

The Board then adjourned sine die

Executive office, Columbia

The Board met this day at the Executive office at 5 o'clock P.M. Tuesday 2^d May 1843.

Present

James Jones, Chairman

D. F. Jamison, John H. Means

J. W. Cantey

Various applications for appointments as Beneficiary Cadets in the Citadel Academy Charleston, were read, and at 8 o'clock P.M. adjourned to meet on to morrow at 8¹/₂ o'clock A.M.

Wednesday 3rd May 1843

The Board met at 1/2 past 8 o'clock AM

Present

James Jones, Chairman

Q. T. Jamison, John A. Means

J. W. Cantley

The following Resolutions were adopted, viz,

Resolved, that the following named persons be admitted as Beneficiary Cadets in the Citadel Academy, Charleston, viz

Josh H. Buckner ✓ Rich^d Hay ✓

John Bowen ✓ Edw^d Kingmore ✓

(8) W. A. Mc Donald ✓ John Branch ✓ Pro L B

W. J. Magill ✓ J. W. North ✓

and that they report themselves to the Superintendent on or before the 1st June next

Resolved, that Henry Slapper of Georgia be admitted into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia, as a pay student, for so long a period only as there may be an insufficient number of pay applications from this State (S.C.)

Resolved, that Cadet Brock (having been suspended by the Superintendent of the Citadel Academy for desertion) be dismissed permanently from said Academy.

Resolved, that the pay of the officers of the Citadel Academy, Commence from the time they entered upon their duties.

Resolved, that the Chairman address a letter to Captⁿ Graham, Superintendent of the Citadel Academy and to Col. Yeaton, Arsenal Keeper, defining the duties of Arsenal Keeper & Powder Receiver

The Board then adjourned sine die.

"Vaughan 15 May 1843

"Dear Sir

"In accordance with the Instructions of the Board
"of Visitors, at their last meeting, I herewith Communicate their
"decision, defining the duties of the Arsenal Keeper & Powder
"Receiver viz

"The Arsenal Keeper (and Powder Receiver is the officer
"of the Board of Visitors, not subject to the special orders of the
"Commander of the Citadel & Magazine Guard and accountable
"alone to the Board, and the Executive of the State, for all arms
"Accoutrements, Ordnance, munitions, and stores confided to his
"charge, and in receiving and disbursing the same, will alone
"obey the orders of the Board of Visitors, the Executive, and (in times
"of alarm, invasion, or insurrection) the temporary orders of the
"Mayor of the City of Charleston or any General officer of the second
"Division with Exercise Exclusive Control over any rooms, or
"buildings which may be set apart by the Board of Visitors for
"Ordnance Arsenal, or armory purposes, and over all Magazines
"proper, other than the small Magazines in the Citadel Buildings,
"which latter, shall be under the Charge & Command of the Commander
"of the Citadel and Magazine Guard, who will also have charge
"of the laboratory and quarters at the Magazines.

"The Arsenal Keeper and Powder Receiver will be subject to,
"and obey all general police regulations, which may be from time
"to time, established by the Commander of the Guard; & of which
"he may be duly notified

"The Commander of the Citadel & Magazine Guard, upon the
"requestion of the Arsenal Keeper & Powder Receiver will furnish a detail
"sufficient to afford him all necessary assistance in the performance
"of his duty. And they are both strictly enjoined, mutually to extend
"Every Courtesy and Facility, in the discharge of their respective and
"appropriate duties

Very Respectfully

Yr ob Serv

(Signed) James Jones

Chairman B.V.

Copies

Addressed to each

Captⁿ W. H. Graham

Col^t W. G. Gordon

Citadel, Charleston

Monday 20 November 1843

Pursuant to 31st regulation the Board convened this day at
the Citadel Academy

Present

James Jones Chairman.

D. F. Jamison

John A. Means

W. J. Hanna

J. W. Cantley

The annual Examination of the Cadets (Composing the 4th Class
Commenced

The Board adjourned to meet to morrow

Tuesday 21 Nov 1843—

The Superintendent having submitted to the Board his
annual Report & Merit Roll

It was Resolved

That Cadets Stoppleben & Lane shall not be
permitted to advance to 3^d class - but that they be retained for the
ensuing year in the 4th class.

Resolved that Cadets Simons, Bowen, North & Cross
be discharged from the Citadel Academy at Charleston

The Board adjourned to meet at the Arsenal
Academy on Tuesday 28th November inst^d at 9 o'clock A.M.

Orignal Academy Columbia

Tuesday Nov 28 1843

In pursuance of 31st Regulation, the Board convened this day at the Orignal Academy at 9 o'clock AM

Present

James Jones Chairman
 D J Jamison John A Means
 W J Hanna J W Cantey

The annual Examination of the Cadets (Comprising 4th Class) commenced, & was continued daily by adjournment until Saturday 2nd December - when the Annual Meeting of the Board of Visitors was held at the

Orignal Academy Columbia

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Present

James Jones, Chairman
 D J Jamison - John A Means
 W J Hanna J W Cantey

The Superintendent of the Orignal Academy having submitted to the Board his annual Report & Merit Roll

It was Resolved

That Cadets O Neal, Hayne, & Stuber (having been reported as deficient by the Superintendent) be allowed to remain another Year upon a promise from them of future reformation in the several deficiencies, but in case such reformation be not made, they be dismissed from the Academy at the End of the Year, or sooner if the Superintendent and Assistant find that no exertions are made on their part, to make up said deficiencies

Read various applications for appointments as Pay & Auxiliary Cadets in the Orignal & Citadel Academies, with their accompanying testimonials

When It was Resolved,

That the following named persons be admitted as Pay Cadets into the Arsenal Academy, Columbia, viz

Angus P Brown	Charles M Dewitt
Lau ^a T Brown	J F Schmidt
Oct ^r T Gebler	

and that they report themselves to the Superintendent on 1st January next

Resolved that R G White be admitted as Pay Cadet into the Citadel Academy, Charleston, & that he report himself to the Superintendent on 1st January next

Resolved that John P Harmonett of Spartanburg Dist

A J Jameson of Laurens "

Eli Doyle of Pickens "

be admitted as Beneficiary Cadets into the Arsenal Academy at Columbia & that they report themselves to the Superintendent on 1st January next.

Resolved that

Tristram Croker of Edgefield Dist

John Connelly, & } of Beaufort "

B A Barfield } "

C P Campbell of Colleton "

James H Willis of Barnwell "

Johnson M Strickland of Newberry "

Jas Mc Namee

Henry T Nabb

Wm M Mood

- - Chaptin

E LaR Nevott

Wm Jenkins

} of Charleston "

be admitted as Beneficiary Cadets into the Citadel Academy at Charleston, and that they report themselves to the Superintendent on 1st January next

Resolved that the Chairman be authorized to admit one Beneficiary Cadet from the District of Fairfield one from the District of Williamsburg and one from the District of Chesterfield provided applications from said District be made before

the first of January next and that in case applications are not made within said time, then that he be authorized to fill the vacancies from the applications now before the Board not acted on

Resolved, that the voluntary Resignation of John McLeod a Beneficiary Cadet, at the Arsenal Academy, be accepted, & that the Superintendent do give him an honorable discharge

Resolved, that the Superintendent of the Arsenal Academy, be authorized to grant leave of absence to Cadet D Lyon until 1st January next.

Resolved, that the annual Examination of the Cadets at the Arsenal & Citadel Academies, has been very satisfactory to the Board and is highly creditable to the zeal, diligence, & ability of the Superintendents, & Professors.

Resolved, that as the funds appropriated for the support of the Citadel and Arsenal Academies, is under the Control of the Governor, he should be appointed (Ex officio) a member of the Board. That the Chairman of the Board be instructed to submit a Copy of this resolution to the Governor, to be laid before the Legislature

Resolved, that the Arsenal Keepers of the Citadel and Arsenal Academies be instructed to have the arms at the Citadel, and Arsenal, put in good order, and boxed up

Resolved, that the Superintendent of the Arsenal Academy be authorized to draw the Balance of the appropriation, for Arsenal Keeper & Powder Receiver at the Arsenal in Columbia, for the present year. That he be instructed to have the arms, at the said Arsenal, cleaned & boxed up, and that hereafter, he shall receive the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars per annum, as fixed on by the Board for his services as Arsenal Keeper & Powder Receiver, as well as for ^{the} other duties imposed upon him.

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Board, the services for which Private Rice (Charleston) claims extra pay, are such services, as are due from him as a private of the Guard, & that therefore he is not entitled to any extra pay and that as to any extra pay for turning private powder, it is a matter exclusively between the Powder Receiver at Charleston & Private Rice, with which the Board have nothing to do

The Board then adjourned sine die

December
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Report of the
Board of Visitors of the Military Academies

To His Excellency Governor Hammond,
Sir,

The Board of Visitors of the Citadel Academy at Charleston, and the Arsenal Academy at Columbia, have the honor to submit to your Excellency their first Annual Report. As soon as practicable, after the adjournment of the last Legislature, the Board, in pursuance of the powers entrusted to them, proceeded to organize the said schools: and by the 20th March last, both were in operation. In selecting the officers for these institutions, the Board of Visitors believe themselves fortunate after the experiment (now) of almost a year in obtaining the services of Gentlemen, who by their diligence, zeal, and acquirements have proved themselves so worthy to fill the arduous and responsible stations to which they have been appointed.

In choosing from different parts of the State the objects of Bounty of the Legislature, the Board were anxious to avoid every appearance of favoritism, or the preference of the Youth from one part of the State to those of another: and they apportioned the number to be selected from each District

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according to the ratio of its population and taxation; and therefore they allotted to

Abbeville District	2	Lancaster District	1
Anderson "	2	Laurens "	2
Barnwell "	2	Lexington "	1
Beaufort "	3	Marlborough "	1
Charleston "	10	Marion "	1
Chester "	1	Newberry "	1
Chesterfield "	1	Orangeburg "	1
Collison "	2	Pickens "	1
Darlington "	1	Richland "	2
Edgefield "	2	Spartanburg "	2
Fairfield "	2	Sumter "	2
Greenville "	2	Union "	2
Georgetown "	2	Williamsburg "	1
Horry "	1	York "	2
Kershaw	1		

making in all fifty four thirty six of whom were to be placed in the Citadel Academy at Charleston and eighteen at the Arsenal Academy at Columbia

The Board made provision at the same time, for the admission of an equal number of pay Cadets. thirty nine of whom were to be admitted into the Citadel Academy, and fifteen into the Arsenal Academy. Of this latter class of Cadets, but a small number have taken advantage of the new system of instruction, arising probably from the ignorance of parents & guardians of the course of instruction there taught, and the novelty of those institutions.

Of the class of beneficiaries, twenty seven were admitted at different times into the Citadel Academy, and twenty into the Arsenal Academy, nineteen of whom stood their annual examination in the Citadel Academy in November last, and sixteen in the Arsenal Academy. These numbers do not include two pay Cadets in the first named Academy, and one in the last.

The Board regret that they have been compelled, during the past year, to restrict the advantages of the Citadel Academy in Charleston to a much smaller number than was originally designed. This arose from the fact, that they were compelled to carry on that institution with \$12,000 instead of the sum of \$16,000 appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature, in consequence of the withdrawal from their control of (about) the sum of \$4,000, which was claimed by Capt. Parker the late Commander of that Post, under a charge (as the Board have been informed) of 2½ per cent, for disbursing the fund appropriated for the support of the Citadel & Magazine Guard at Charleston for the last ten years. The Board are unwilling to indicate their opinion as to the propriety of this claim, but they regard it as of sufficient importance to require the serious investigation of the Legislature.

In arranging the course of studies for these Academies, the Board have aimed at a system of Education at once scientific and practical, and which, if their original design is carried out, will eminently qualify the Cadets there taught for almost any station or condition of life. During the course, besides the usual branches taught at the primary schools in the State, they will be instructed in the History of South Carolina, modern History, the French Language, every department of the Mathematics, Bookkeeping, Rhetoric, Moral Philosophy, Architectural and Topographical Drawing, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Geology, Mineralogy, Botany, Civil & Military Engineering, the Constitutional Law of the United States, & the Laws of Nations. In addition to that course, they will be instructed in the duties of the Soldier, the School of the Company, and of the Battalion, the Science of War, the Evolutions of the Line, and the duties of Commissioned Officers.

Of the above mentioned course, only the most elementary part, comprising those of Geography, Arithmetic,

English Grammar History of South Carolina and the duties of the Soldier, have been taught. No Cadet who applied during the past Year, (and the remark applies as well to the pay, as to the beneficiary Cadets) was found sufficiently advanced to be placed in any, beyond the fourth, or lowest Class: and indeed, in very many instances, their previous Course of Instruction had been so imperfect or faulty, that the professors found themselves compelled to instruct them in Spelling, reading and writing, before they could proceed to the Course of Studies laid down by the Board

✓ [At the Examinations, which have lately closed, in both of the Academies, the Board were highly gratified at the very great proficiency made by the Cadets. The Examinations, which were continued for several days, and which were strict searching shewed in the most satisfactory manner to the Board (with very few Exceptions) with what diligence their studies had been prosecuted by the Cadets and the accuracy of the system, by which they had been taught,

In their military training, they exhibited a manly soldierlike bearing and the Board found it difficult to realize the fact, that such a change had taken place in the appearance & conduct of boys, who less than a twelve-month ago came into those institutions, careless of their persons awkward and untaught. Besides affording sufficient protection to the arms and public property at the two posts (far greater than the old Guard which they have displaced), their military training facilitates their instruction in the other branches of Study, by habits of good order and discipline, which it promotes, and in the opinion of the Board, appears to solve the difficult problem of the management of a number of young men in institutions of learning or science. By requiring them to account for every moment of their time, it presents them

from acquiring vicious habits, and withdraws them from the allurements of dissipation. Nor does the discipline to which they are subjected, appear to weary them. on the contrary, they seem to be satisfied and happy, and the Board believe that a dismissal from the Academies would be regarded by any of the Boys as a severe punishment.

The Board assure Your Excellency that this first year's Experiment has succeeded beyond their hope; and they confidently predict that its future success will not disappoint the Expectations of the Legislature in changing the nature of these institutions.

Hereunto transmit a Copy of the Regulations, and also a Copy of a Resolution of the Board of Visitors.

I also transmit the Reports of the Arsenal Keeper and Powder Receiver at Charleston and Columbia.

Respectfully Submitted

Columbia

(signed) James Jones Chairman

Dec 4 1843.

" Resolved, That as the fund appropriated
 " for the support of the Citadel and Arsenal Academies
 " is under the Control of the Governor, he should be appointed
 " Ex officio, a member of the Board. That the Chairman,
 " of the Board be instructed to submit a Copy of this
 " Resolution to the Governor, to be laid before the Legislature."
