

ATHENS, July 6, 1803.

The Anniversary of our Independence was celebrated here on Monday last by the Students in the Senior Class of the University. A Stage was erected under a large arbour, and the following exercises were performed :

1. An Address to the Supreme Being, by the President.

2. The Declaration of Independence was read by *H. Meigs, Esq.*

3. An Oration, by *William Rutherford*, appointed Orationist of the day.

4. A Prologue to a Dialogue, by *W. Jackson.*

5. A Dialogue, ridiculing Quack Physicians, by J. Jackson, J. Irwin, G. Matthews and R. Rutherford.

9. An Oration on the sentiments of the preamble to the Charter of the University, by A. S. Clayton, elected Orator of the Class.

7. Music—Pope's Universal Prayer.

8. A Colloquium on the advantages and disadvantages of Education, by J. Harris, Th. Irwin, and Wm. Jackson.

9. A Forensic disputation on this question—Has the discovery of the American Continent been beneficial to mankind? by H. Cox and Wm. Williamson.

Captain M<sup>c</sup>Thigney's company of Militia honored the day by several volleys of musketry, at proper intervals, between the exercises.

The audience was very numerous, and paid a decent and respectful attention to the performances of the young men, who, for the first time, exhibited to a public assembly, their own productions.