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Thursday 8th August 1811

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present W. Clarke Senr. Trustee in the chair, Messrs. Stewart, Mitchell, Mounger, Hull, Carnes, Irwin, Flournoy, and Early –

The Board after being formed adjourned for one hour.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Present as before-

[p 184] Resolved that the house now in occupancy of Mr. Professor Meigs with the Garden and land appurtenant thereto be given up by him on or before the first day of next month – And that the Same be the for the future occupied by the President – Ordered that a copy of the foregoing resolution be served on Mr. Meigs by the Secretary.

Resolved that Said house when so given up be taken charge of by Col. Carnes untill the President [Rev John Brown] shall remove to this place. ...

Hope Hull one of the members of this Board gives the following information and exhibit[sic] the same as charges against Mr. Professor Meigs which he urges should be inquired into by the Board. Viz, that o the best of his recollection the day after the adjournment of the Board in August last and at the door of the printing office he Mr. Meigs addressing himself to Mr. Hull uttered [p 185] in substance the following words – “You have appointed Campbell as your Secretary, however, I suppose he will do well enough as a Secretary for the TORIES. Mr. Meigs has further said in the presence of Mr. Hull that the State of Georgia has great reason to thank God for one honest man – Judge Early – if it had not been for him the lands belonging to the institution would have been sold and the money pocketted; and many other expressions and observations of a similar import but not now precisely recollected.

Sworn to before me this
8th August 1811 at Athens
Robt. Walker Judge

(Signed) Hope Hull

In a conversation with Mr. Meigs a few days after the adjournment of the Board in August last upon the subject of the Congressional and County elections he observed in substance

as follows – You, addressing himself to me, cannot think to gain the confidence of the people after your conduct relative to the College lands. The facts stated in the piece that appeared in the Express against you last was furnished by me, and there are other facts which I intend to Communicate – But I cannot so much blame you for you are a tool of other great men. But for one honest man or the only honest man among them the Board of Trustees would have sold the College lands, and would have squandered the money away to their own uses – They were all a damned pack or band of Tories and speculators, and if they had have turned him out of his office, he would have shewn them in their proper colours – They had made him Professor of Natural Philosophy and Chymistry, and given him a poor pitiful salary of twelve hundred dollars – damn them, he reckoned they would make him next Professor of Cabbages and Turnips – And much more such conversation not now detailed, but the above is the substance of the Conversation.

Sworn to before this
8th August 1811 at Athens
Robt. Walker Judge –

(Signed) Augustin L. Clayton

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The foregoing Charges having been exhibited against Professor Meigs which Call for a full and Complete investigation an account of involving matters which strike at the honor and integrity of this Board, and tend to bring the institution into contempt and disgrace, and as it is a principle of justice that all persons charged with offences should have an opportunity of meeting their accusers and have a fair and impartial hearing It is ordered that the Secretary do inform Mr. Professor Meigs that his presence is immediately desired in this Board. Mr. Meigs attended according to notice and the Charges exhibited against him were read by the Secretary and Submitted to his perusal [sic] upon which he made some observations denying in general the Substance of them to be true, and Concluded by requesting Copies in order to enable [sic] him to determine what course to pursue.

Thereupon Resolved that the said Charges be entered at large on the minutes and the originals file with the Secretary, and that a copy of the Charges together with this resolution be served on Mr. Meigs without delay that he may have an opportunity to deliberate thereon and answer thereto.