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Statement of some difficulties had with a portion of the Senior Class of 1839, after the reading of the report of scholarship and conduct in that Class previous to Commencement.

Shortly after the reading of the report an anonymous communication was presented to the President. He immediately called a meeting of the Faculty, by which it was unanimously determined to return the aforesaid communication on the ground that they could receive in anonymous communication. The paper was sent back, and shortly after represented in the following letter.

Gentlemen of the Faculty,

At a Meeting of the Philosophic.

Resolved 1st. That we will perform in part in the exercises of the ensuing commencement, but on condition that the first distinction be conferred on Mr. Hamilton.

Resolved 2nd. That if any one deserving a member of the Philosophic Society, be refused his diploma, we will refuse the acceptance of our diploma.

Resolved 3rd. That we are not actuated by a spirit of revenge and senseless opposition to the determination of the Faculty, but on the contrary, we feel sentiments of profound respect for so enlightened a body, and will do all in our power to maintain its equitable.