

GRANTS TO COLLEGES. MAR. 1837.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, March 14, 1837.

*To the Speaker of  
the House of Representatives :*

SIR,

In compliance with an order of the House, I have the honor to submit a statement of the various grants made by this Commonwealth to the several Colleges, and other literary institutions, since the establishment of the Colony, *exclusive* of grants to Bowdoin College and Academies in Maine.

In reference to the grants to Harvard College, it may be remarked, that their aggregate value cannot be determined with precision; most of them being specified in *pounds*, the value of which denomination of money was constantly fluctuating from the year 1690, (when the Province commenced issuing paper money,) till the close of our Revolution. The amount also derived by that institution from the "Ferry," from Lotteries, and several

other sources specified in the accompanying statement, and the value of the Lands given to Williams College, and the Academies, are unknown to this department.

Amherst College and seventy-one of the incorporated Academies, do not appear to have received any assistance from the state.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN P. BIGELOW,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*Grants and Appropriations in favor of Harvard College.*

1636. 400 pounds given "towards a school or college."  
1640. Ferry between Boston and Charlestown granted to the college.  
1650. 100 pounds granted from the public treasury.  
1652. A voluntary collection in favor of the college recommended to the inhabitants.  
1652. 800 acres of land granted to the college.  
1653. Grant of 2,000 acres of land.  
1653. "Cambridge rate" this year ordered to be paid to the college.  
1654. 100 pounds granted from public treasury.  
1657. 500 acres of land granted to the president.  
1672. 150 pounds per annum granted to the president for several years, and continued in 1679 and 1681.  
1682. "Merriconeag in Casco Bay, with 1,000 acres adjacent," granted to the president and fellows.  
1694. 50 pounds granted to the president.  
1696. 50 pounds granted to the president.  
1697. 50 pounds granted to the president.  
1698. 50 pounds granted to the president.  
1700. 220 pounds granted to the president and continued annually for several years.  
1709. 12 pounds to be paid for repairing president's house.  
1713. 426 pounds ten shillings and four pence granted to the treasurer for the college.

- July 4, 1718. 1,500 pounds granted for erecting an additional building at the college.
- May 30, 1719. 2,000 pounds granted towards the new building.
- Nov. 5, 1720. 119 pounds one penny balance of the two last grants unexpended, presented to the college.
- June 18, 1725. 150 pounds granted to the president.
- Jan. 1, 1725, } 1,000 pounds appropriated for building  
1726. } a house for the president.
- Jan. 4, 1753. Real and personal estate of the college, not exceeding 500 pounds per annum, exempted from taxation.
- Jan. 18, 1759. 250 pounds granted to the president.
- Jan. 18, 1759. 150 pounds granted to the professor of divinity.
- Jan. 18, 1759. 90 pounds granted to the professor of mathematics.
- June 12, 1762. 2,000 pounds granted towards erecting a new building.
- June 14, 1762. 500 pounds in bills of exchange, to be drawn on the agent in England, for purchasing materials for the new college.
- Feb. 25, 1763. 1,000 pounds granted towards the new building.
- Dec. 30, 1763. 530 pounds, seven shillings, two pence, granted for defraying arrearages in erecting the new building.
- Jan. 26, 1764. 2,000 pounds granted for a new building, in lieu of one destroyed by fire.
- Jan. 26, 1764. 100 pounds for a "water engine."

- Feb. 3, 1764. 117 pounds, three shillings, four pence, granted to the students for the loss of articles at the destruction of the college building by fire.
- Nov. 3, 1764. 267 pounds, four shillings, granted to the sufferers by fire belonging to the college.
- Nov. 3, 1764. 2,000 pounds granted towards the new building.
- Feb. 2, 1765. 250 pounds granted to the president.
- Feb. 2, 1765. 100 pounds granted to professor of mathematics.
- Feb. 2, 1765. 100 pounds granted to professor of divinity.
- Feb. 2, 1765. 40 pounds granted to the Hebrew instructor.
- June 20, 1765. 1,000 pounds granted towards the new building.
- June 24, 1765. Lottery granted to raise 3,200 pounds, for the new building.
- Feb. 3, 1766. 200 pounds granted to the president.
- Feb. 3, 1766. 100 pounds granted to the professor of mathematics.
- Feb. 3, 1766. 50 pounds granted to professor of divinity.
- Feb. 13, 1767. 200 pounds granted to the president; and this grant afterwards continued annually to 1774.
- Feb. 13, 1767. 100 pounds granted to professor of divinity; and this grant afterwards continued annually to 1774.
- Feb. 13, 1767. 100 pounds granted to professor of mathematics, and this grant afterwards continued annually to 1774.

- July 12, 1769. 30 pounds granted to the professor of Hebrew.
- April 24, 1770. 40 pounds granted to the professor of Hebrew; and this grant continued in 1772, 1773 and 1774.
- June 23, 1775. 100 pounds granted to the president.
- Jan. 19, 1778. 200 pounds granted to the president.
- Jan. 19, 1778. 50 pounds granted to the professor of Hebrew.
- Jan. 19, 1778. 100 pounds granted to professor of divinity.
- Jan. 19, 1778. 100 pounds granted to professor of mathematics.
- Jan. 7, 1780. 800 pounds granted to the professor of mathematics.
- Jan. 7, 1780. 1,000 pounds granted to professor of divinity.
- Jan. 7, 1780. 580 pounds granted to professor of Hebrew.
- Jan. 7, 1780. 2,000 pounds granted to the president.
- March 9, 1785. 200 pounds annually to be paid to the college by Charles River Bridge.
- March 9, 1792. 300 pounds annually to be paid by proprietors of West Boston Bridge.
- June 14, 1794. Lottery to raise 8,000 pounds for a new building.
- March 14, 1806. 30,000 dollars to be raised by lottery for new buildings.
- March 4, 1809. A township of land to the professorship of natural history.
- Feb. 24, 1814, }  
and }  
Feb. 26, 1814, } Ten sixteenth parts of the tax of the Massachusetts Bank, annually to be paid to the college for ten years, \$100,000

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June 22, 1793.	1,200 pounds granted to the college.
Feb. 19, 1805.	Township of land granted.
Feb. 20, 1809.	Township of land granted.
Feb. 24, 1814, and Feb. 26, 1814.	Three sixteenth parts of the tax of the Massachusetts Bank annually to be paid to the college for ten years, \$30,000

*Grants to Incorporated Academies.*

- Lottery granted to Leicester Academy. Resolve, June 14, 1785.
- Township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Leicester Academy. Resolve, June 28, 1792.
- Township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Bristol Academy, in Taunton. Act, June 30, 1792.
- Township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Marblehead Academy. Resolve, Feb. 7, 1792.
- Half a township of land, in Maine, six miles square, to Dummer's Academy, in Newbury. Resolve, Feb. 27, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Phillip's Academy, in Andover. Resolve, Feb. 27, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Groton Academy. Resolve, Feb. 27, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Westford Academy. Resolve, Feb. 27, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Westfield Academy. Resolve, June 12, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Deerfield Academy. Resolve, June 19, 1797.

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- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to New Salem Academy. Resolve, June 23, 1797.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Milton Academy. Act, March 3, 1798.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Bridgewater Academy. Act, Feb. 26, 1799.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Framingham Academy. Act, March 1, 1799.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Nantucket Academy. Act, March 3, 1801.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Lenox Academy. Act, Feb. 22, 1803.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Derby Academy, in Hingham. Resolve, June 18, 1803.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Sandwich Academy. Resolve, Feb. 21, 1804.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Monson Academy. Resolve, Jan. 31, 1807.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Day's Academy, in Wrentham. Resolve, March 5, 1810.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Amherst Academy. Resolve, Dec. 11, 1816.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Hopkins Academy, in Hadley, Resolve, June 12, 1820.
- Half a township of land, six miles square, in Maine, to Nichols Academy, in Dudley. Resolve, Feb. 8, 1825.
- Half a township of land, in Maine, six miles square, to Wesleyan Academy, in Wilbraham, March 11, 1828.

*Secretary's Office, March 14, 1837.*