

# Constitution of the "WATERVILLE COLLEGE ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY"

## *Preamble*

Believing that all men are born free and equal and possess certain unalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that in no case consistently with reason, religion, and the immutable principle of justice man can be the property of man; -we, the subscribers do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Society, and to be governed by the following,

## *Constitution*

Art. I. This Society shall be called the Waterville College Anti-Slavery Society.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to endeavor by all means sanctioned by law, humanity and religion, to effect the abolition of slavery in the United States; to improve the character and condition of the free people of color, to inform and correct public opinion in relation to their native land, equal civil and political rights and privileges with the whites.

Art. III. Any person who is a member of the college may become a member of this Society by signing the Constitution and paying annually to the treasurer twenty-five cents;

Art. IV. The regular meetings of this Society shall be holden on the third Wednesday of each term at 4 o'clock P. M. in the College Chapel. There shall also be an Annual Meeting on the 4th of July at which a report of the transaction of the past year, of the income, expenditure and funds of this Society shall be presented by the Board of Managers.

Art. V. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, V. President, Secretary and Treasurer to be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and they shall act as a Board of Managers.

Art. VI. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and in his absence the V. President.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall notify all meetings, keep the Records of the same and with the assistance of the President and V. President conduct all correspondence.

Art. VIII. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Society, hold its funds and make payments when directed by the Managers; shall report his proceedings at each annual meeting.

Art. IX. The Board of Managers shall exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Society, report annually as above specified (Art. IV) assign parts for the regular meetings.

Art. X. The exercises for each regular meeting shall be two essays, which shall be assigned by the Board of Managers.

Art. XI. At the Annual Meeting (4th of July) there shall be a discourse pronounced by a member of the Society, who shall be chosen by ballot for the purpose at least six months previous.

Art. XII. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting, or at the Annual Meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the Society.

Art. XIII. A majority of this Society shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business; but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

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