

# Minutes of Prudential Committee

1834-1857

*Minutes of the proceedings of the Prudential Committee  
of the Board of Trustees of Franklin College.*

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At a meeting of the Prudential Committee. Present: Messieurs Camak, Harden, Tinsley, Thomas.

A Letter from Major C.W. Armstrong was laid before the Committee containing his resignation of the office of Tutor in Franklin College, confirmed by the Board at its last meeting. Where upon the Committee appointed Mr. S.G. Hillyer to be tutor in place of Major Armstrong.

July 17, 1834

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee, Present:

Messieurs Camak, Tinsley, Harden, Thomas and Clayton specially convened to take into consideration the sale of a certain piece of ground to Dr. M.A. Ward, pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at their session in August 1832; it was resolved the Trustees will sell to the said Ward, said Trustees confirming said sale at their next meeting, all the ground contained within the red line of a plot made upon a survey effected by William B. Taylor on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1832 with the following exceptions, instead of the red line on the east, the pencil line thus marked is to be boundary line in that quarter. The contents according to that boundary to be ascertained and the land east of the branch to be sold at the rate of \$15 per acre, or that land on the west of said branch and within the plot to be at ten dollars per acre. A deed to be made to said land to Doct. Ward, as soon as the Trustees ratify this agreement.

The Committee had submitted to them

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at the same meeting, the extensive trespasses which have been committed upon the timber of the College lands for the purpose of burning bricks for the contemplated Phi Kappa Hall it having been ascertained that no permission has been given for that purpose. It is resolved that the Secretary of the Board take immediate steps to stop the same, and to take into his possession such timber as has been cut down if practicable and dispose of it upon the best terms he can for the benefit of the Trustees.

In relation this interference between the land lines between John Puryear and the College it was resolved that a survey be made under the direction of the Secretary of the Board and Mr. Wm. L. Mitchell, the attorney of Mr. Puryear, and a plat exhibited to this Committee at a future meeting, designating the nature of the respective claims of the parties and the quantity in dispute as well as the quantity of each parcel proposed to be exchanged between the parties.

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July 21, 1834

At a meeting of the Committee the following members in attendance, Messieurs Camak, Tinsley, Thomas, Harden, and Clayton convened specially for the purpose of considering two communications, one from the building committee of the Phi Kappa Society on the subject of cutting wood on the College land for burning bricks for said Hall which this Committee by a resolution proposed the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, ordered their Secretary to take into his possession and dispose of & dispose for the benefit of said Trustees, and upon the consideration of said communication it was

Resolved, that in as much as said society by its Committee was fully impressed that they had the same privilege allowed them which were extended to Mr. William Lumpkin in building the house for the Library and clearly mistaking said privilege, which were mainly to have the use of the brick yard and the dead timber on the College land to burn the bricks and by reason of said mistake they have cut down the live timber and split a number of rails and now after expressing their regret for the same and requesting they may have said wood as the loss of it will effect their contract with the undertaker & occasion additional expense, which they are unable to bear the said Society may have said wood and rails, if it will save them from any additional [exaction] from the contractor.

But if not; the Committee expresses a hope that the Society will make the contractor pay for the same, and it is further resolved that no further [cutting] of the timber on said land shall be allowed.

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Athens, Nov. 24, 1834

In pursuance of a call from the President of the University the following members of the Prudential Committee met: [no names given]

The President laid before the Committee the resignation of Mr. Tutor Hillyer, which was accepted, whereupon the members present to wit Messieurs

Harden, H. Jackson, Tinsley and Thomas proceeded to the appointment of a tutor which resulted in the choice of Mr. L. Miner of the County of Newton.

Athens, January 4, 1836

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee convened to elect a tutor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Miner.

Present: Messieurs Clayton, Camak, Harden and H. Jackson.

After considering the testimonials of the qualifications of the candidates, Mr. James T. Phelps was unanimously elected.

Mr. John Puryear applied for some compensation as agent for protecting the College land from depredation. The Committee resolved to allow him twenty-five dollars, provided he should give a receipt in full of demand for services rendered.

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Athens, August 24, 1839

The Prudential Committee convened and organized by the appointment of James Camak as Chairman. Present: Messieurs Camak, Hamilton, Harris, Tinsley, Dougherty and Lumpkin.

In obedience to a resolution of the Board of Trustees, it was Resolved to offer at public sale on Wednesday the 2nd, October, the unsold lots in what is known as Thomas' Survey, on the following terms: one fourth purchase money in hand the balance in 3 equal annual installments. Titles to remain in the Trustees until the last payment is made and a failure to pay any installment at the time same falls due, to cause a forfeiture of the lots and all former payments.

It was also resolved that the Committee shall meet again on next Friday for the purpose of establishing a minimum price below which the lots shall not be sold.

On motion

Mr. Camak, Dr. Tinsley and Mr. Hamilton were appointed a committee to contract for and superintend the repair contemplated by certain resolutions of the Board on the new College Buildings, Chapel and President's House.

It was also resolved that the same committee ascertain the expense of erecting two professors houses and appendages and also report upon the best locations therefore, with a view to have the information reported to the next meeting of the Trustees.

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Athens, October 10, 1839

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Mr. Camak Chairman, Lumpkin, Dougherty, Harden, Hamilton, and Tinsley.

The Committee of the Faculty having appeared before the Prudential Committee and stated the circumstances connected with the burning of the books, papers, and other property belonging to the college and Professor McCay and asking the advice of the Prudential Committee as to the course that should be pursued in relation thereto.

It was resolved, that the faculty be and they are hereby advised to institute processes under the laws of the State, against the person or persons against whom they are likely to obtain the necessary evidence.

The Committee then adjourned.

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Athens, October 17, 1839

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee this day the following members attended to wit:

Messieurs Camak Chairman, Messieurs Lumpkin, Dougherty, Hamilton, Harden, and Tinsley who was excused.

It having been communicated to the Committee by the Faculty that certain persons had made confessions of having been engaged in the disorders connected with the burning of Professor McCay's books etc., it was recommended by the Committee that prosecution be suspended so far as regards the students who may have been therein concerned, upon condition that they pay all damages which may be assessed and submit themselves quietly to any College discipline, which the Faculty may impose and maintain a decorous course of conduct towards the Faculty and all other persons.

As communication was received from Mr. Professor McCay, asking their opinion and desiring to know from this Committee if it was their will or desire that he should discontinue to discharge the duties of his office, on account of his having given a challenge to fight a duel with a citizen of this place, and in consequence of the occurrence which is instanced thereupon until the meeting of the Board of Trustees at Milledgeville, whereupon

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the Committee resolved

That it be recommended to Mr. McCay to resign his office with a view to have his resignation submitted to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for their final action thereon.

The Committee then adjourned.

On the same day the Chairman of the Prudential Committee received from Mr. Prof. McCay the following communication to wit:

Athens, October 17, 1839

To James Camak Esq.  
Chairman of the Prudential  
Committee of Franklin College

Dear Sir,

I hereby tender to you my resignation of the office I have the honor to hold in this University.

[Signed] C.F. McCay

Which was placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to lay before the body at its first meeting.

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Athens, January 9 1840

The Prudential Committee having convened this day, for the purpose of electing a tutor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Irvine.

Some applications were read and their accompanying testimonials, which after some deliberation was laid on the table for the President.

The Committee then spent some time in reading communications from several of the absent Trustees in relation to the resignation of Professor C.F. McCay and the circumstances therewith connected.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered and agreed to:

Whereas; Professor McCay having under peculiar circumstances and by the advice of the Prudential Committee tendered his resignation of his office in order to give the Board of Trustees an opportunity to pass thereon and there having been a failure of the Board to meet at Milledgeville in November last and the College requiring the services of said professor,

Resolved that Professor McCay, be requested to proceed in the duties of his professorship until the Board of Trustees shall have decided upon the acceptance or rejection of his resignation.

On motion  
Resolved that

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that the Treasurer pay Professor McCay his salary from the date of his resignation to the first of January instant conditional to be refunded unless the Board of Trustees should at their meeting in August next ratify and confirm the payment.

The members present at this meeting of the Committee were James Camak, Chairman Messieurs. Dougherty, Harden Jackson, Tinsley.

The committee then adjourned.

A. Hull, Sec'y.

James Camak, Chairman.

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Athens, December 27 1841

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended to wit.

James Camak Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harden, & Billups.

On motion

Resolved that the service of Mr. Bishop be retained in the Botanical Garden for the ensuing year at the rate of four hundred and fifty dollars, with

the privilege of house rent and fire wood from the College lands without charge.

Resolved that a laborer for the garden be hired at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum, including his board and clothing.

Resolved that Billy be retained in the services of the College as carpenter for the ensuing year at a reduction of 20 per cent from the present year wages, to wit at the sum of \$275 including his board and clothing.

Resolved that Mr. Joseph T. Lee be appointed tutor in College for the ensuing year at the rate of eight hundred salary and in the event of his nonacceptance of the appointment, that it then be conferred on Mr. [blank space in record] and that the President be authorised to communicate with those gentlemen as contemplated in this resolution.

Resolved that the Chairman take

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the necessary steps to have the lines of the College lands ascertained and plainly marked with the view of preventing encroachment thereon. And also to prevent trespassing by waggoners and others on the grounds or trees of the College.

Resolved that the Secretary make publication in two of the Milledgeville papers of the time of commencing the College Exercises, the present organization of the Faculty, etc.

James Camak, Chr.

January 12 1842

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

James Camak Chairman and Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, and Lumpkin & Harden

On motion

Resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to receive at par Central Bank notes in payment of tuition fees. The committee all concurring therein except Mr. Camak.

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Athens, April 9, 1842

The Prudential Committee met this day and accepted the following resolution:

That A.L. Alexander, Esq. of the county of Wilks [sic], be and he is hereby appointed to represent (sic) the stock held by the University of Georgia in the Bank of the State of Georgia at the special meeting of the stockholders to be held in the city of Savannah on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant and that the President of the University execute a letter of attorney for the purpose aforesaid.

James Camak, Chr.

Athens, December 17, 1842

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following member attended:

James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Dougherty, Billups, Mitchell, & Cobb.

On motion: resolved that Henry Bishop be retained as Gardener in the Botanical Garden at a salary of \$400 per annum, the Committee reserving to itself the right of dismissing him at any time giving him a month notice, and giving to Mr. Bishop a reciprocal right on the same terms.

Resolved that the Chairman inform Professor James Jackson, that it is expected of him by nature of his professorship to exercise a superintendence, direction and control of the Botanical Garden.

Resolved that the Treasurer require a reduction of fifty per cent on the notes of Wm. Dearing

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and William M. Morton at the renewal of said notes to be made three months after the 28 instant.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay P.M. Wills 25 dollars for protecting the College lands from degradation during the last year.

Resolved that the negro man Patrick be retained as labourer in the Botanical Garden for the ensuing year at the same rates as for the present, to wit, \$100.00.

Resolved that the negroes of Mrs. Harris be hired as college servants for the ensuing year at \$100 each.

Resolved that one acre of land on the Watkinsville Road adjoining his lot be laid off under the direction of Mr. Camak, Chairman and sold to John Hamilton at one hundred dollars each.

A. Hull, Sec'y.

James Camak, Chr.

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Monday, January 23, 1843

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended: James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Dougherty, Billups, Cobb, and Mitchell.

On motion resolved that the Treasurer pay the College officers their salaries in good money provided there be in the Treasury a sufficient amount of such funds in quarter pay.

Resolved that the account of James Camak for building Green House be reduced one dollar [12 cents] per thousand for the brick work.

On motion of Mr. Billups, resolved that an inquiry be instituted with the expense of supplying the College edifice with stone steps and that Judge Dougherty be requested to make the inquiry.

James Camak, Chr.

March 4, 1843

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Dougherty, Billups and Mitchell.

On motion resolved that the consideration of the impracticality of obtaining a suitable gardener, the wages of Henry Bishop be five hundred dollars for the year 1843 and that he be retained.

Resolved that the Prof. Mathematics and Prof McCoy be required to run and mark the line between the Lands of Mr. Nisbit and the College land and also

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make another attempt to ascertain the eastern boundary line of the College lands.

James Camak, Chr.

Athens, April [7], 1843

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee this day the following members attended to wit:

Charles Dougherty, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Cobb, & Mitchell.

On motion

Resolved that Asbury Hull Jr. be appointed the proxy of the Board of Trustees to attend the next meeting of the stockholders of Bank State of Georgia in Savannah and that the Chairman of this Committee apply to the Governor for a confirmation of this appointment.

A. Hull, Sec'y.  
Pro Tem

Charles Dougherty, Cha'r.

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Athens, August 12, 1843

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Mr. Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Hamilton, Harden, Billups & Mitchell.

On application of Thomas Bishop, gardener, it was resolved that the said Bishop be permitted [to] close his labours in the garden for the year on the 15 October next, and that the Treasurer pay him his wages up through the 31<sup>st</sup> December provided he shall have the whole of the work necessary in potting the plants of flowers to be done, and placing them in the Green House and putting every thing in complete order for winter before leaving.

Resolved that the Treasurer exchange \$4000.00 of the Central Bank money now in hand into Central Bank 8 per cent bonds.

Resolved, that the Treasurer insist upon the immediate payment of the one half of Mr. Dearing's note, as heretofore required, and that the balance of said note be required to be paid by the first of January next.

James Camak, Chr.

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Athens, November 25, 1843

At a meeting of the Board of Prudential Committee, the following members attended.

James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Lumpkin, & Mitchell.

The Committee took up the resolution of the Board of Trustees in relation to the sale of lots on Front Street and after consultation agreed upon the following:

1. The sale to take place on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of December ensuing.
2. The Lots to be laid off, 22 feet and 28 feet front alternately and 90 feet deep and a short 20 feet inside near the center of the ground and that Professors [Hull] and McCay be requested to lay them off and furnish a [plan].
3. Terms. Purchasing to pay 20 per cent in cash and then an allowed Interest on the Balance—unless the purchaser should prefer to pay the whole, which he may do. Title to remain in Trustees until the whole of the purchase money be paid. A failure to pay according to contract or terms of sale to operate a forfeiture of the lots and services to Trustees.
4. No spirituous or vinous liquor to be retailed on the property sold.
5. No building to be erected except of brick or stone.

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Ordered that Ransom Nichols be appointed agent to apply to his Honour Judge Hillyer for an alias [fi for] in lieu of the [lost fi for]. The University of Georgia vs. Roderick Early & [Bunkum] Harris.

Athens, December 28, 1843

The Prudential Committee met this day. Present: James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Billups and Mitchell.

Being the day upon which the town lots on Front were advertised for sale the Committee agreed upon the following plan and terms as final. The 4 corner lots to be 34 feet wide and front street. The remaining interior lots to be 42 feet wide on Front Street and the whole to run back and be 120 feet deep.

On the ground the following was published as the Terms of Sale:

Purchasers to pay 20 per cent in cash. The remainder to be paid in four equal annual installments with interest from date. Titles to remain in the Trustees until the cash payment shall have been made. A forfeiture to pay according to contract to operate a forfeiture on the part of the purchaser.

No spirituous liquors to be retailed on the premises on Lots sold.  
No building to be erected except of brick or stone.

Signed James Camak, Chair'n.  
Prudential Committee

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Right Rogers auctioneer, crying the lots, the following was the result of, to the highest bidder, viz:

Lot No. A. to Thomas P. Andrews at	\$1000.00
Lot No. B. to William A. Carr at	\$ 876.00
Lot No. C. to William W. Clayton Jr. Wm. M. Morton and John H. Newton	\$ 801.25
Lot No. D. to the same partners	\$ 700.00
Lot No. E. to Oliver P. Shaw at	\$ 999.00
Lot No. F. to A[sbury] Hull	\$700.00
Lot No. G. to Morton Bradford	\$500.00
Lot No. H. to William L Mitchell at	\$502.00
Lot No. I to William A. Carr, W[m.] L. M[itche]ll	\$490.00
Lot No. K to William L. Mitchell	\$501.00

Athens, February 8, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Billups and Dougherty.

On motion resolved that Adam L. Alexander, Esq. be appointed the proxy of the Board of Trustees to attend the next meeting of the stockholders of Bank State of Georgia in Savannah and that the Chairman of this Committee apply to the Governor for a confirmation of this appointment.

James Camak, Chr.



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Athens, March 16, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

James, Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Billups and Mitchell.

The Committee took under consideration the proposition to widen the Front Street on which lots were lately sold and after discussion and deliberation the Committee determined to make no change, but under the written consent and requests of all the purchasers, if at all.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer pay the Bill of James Carlton for building Green House as amended amounting to the sum of \$218.32 ½.

A Hull, Sec'ry.

Jas. Camak, Chr.

Athens, April 15, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

J. Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Harden.

Mr. William A. Carr, having verbally intimated that he was willing to relinquish Lot No. B bid off by him at \$876 and having moreover, failed to comply with the conditions of sale requiring 20 per cent to be paid in cash and John H. Newton having applied to become the purchaser of said lot.

Resolved that John H. Newton be and is hereby allowed to take the said lot at the same price & terms as ever agreed to by said

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William A. Carr as set forth on day of sale.

Jas. Camak, Chm.

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Athens, July 11, 1844

At a called meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

James Camak, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Billups, Hamilton & Mitchell & Dougherty.

On application made in behalf of Wm. A. Carr, it was resolved that he be permitted to take Lots F & G at the price at which they were bid off at the sale, provided he shall retain Lot No. I and pay for the whole immediately & comply with terms of sale.

Resolved that in the event that Mr. Carr shall fail to take said lots, that they be exposed and offered at public sale during the approaching Commencement.

The Treasurer having asked the advice of the Committee whether he shall pay for books belonging to Prof. Stevens and which were destroyed by violence by some persons unknown, and which the Faculty have assessed upon students of College, to be paid in this next tuition bills. The Committee advises that the payment be deferred until the Board meets, or until money be collected.

Jas. Camak, Chr.

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Athens, August 24, 1844

At a meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee the following members attended to wit:

John Billups, Wilson Lumpkin, Thomas H. Hamilton, Wm. L. Mitchell.

A note was received from Mr. Camak in which he resigned his office of Chairman of the Prudential Committee, whereupon Mr. Lumpkin was elected Chairman.

Certain resolutions of the Board at its late session having been laid before the Committee the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved that all the unsold lots and lands belonging to the College lying west of Town be offered for sale on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October next, at the Town Hall and in the meantime, that the land now unsurveyed be laid off into lots of 20 acres each.

Terms: 12 months credit for notes with approved security.

On motion

Ordered that the Secretary engage the services of E.L. Thomas to lay off into lots the unsurveyed Lands and also to replat & consolidate these several plans of the Town of Athens, upon a suitable scale for use and reference.

The Committee then took into consideration the subject of the erection two professor's houses near the College and agreed to examine the premises

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to obtain plans & estimates, upon which to base the further action of the Committee, and then adjourned.

Wilson Lumpkin

Asbury Hull, Sec'y--

Saturday Aug 31, 1844

The Prudential Committee met today. Present: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, & Mitchell.

On motion of Mr. Camak it was resolved that certain plans for building two professors houses should be submitted to the merchants of Athens to obtain their estimates etc., etc. to be presented to the Committee on Wednesday next.

Wednesday Sept 4, 1844

The Committee met. Present: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Mitchell, Billups & Dougherty.

Survey propositions having been submitted for building two professors houses, after considering them severally that A. Conger was accepted, & Mr. Mitchell & Mr. Camak requested thereupon, a contract.

On motion

Resolved that the note William Dearing for \$4000 be collected immediately.

Wilson Lumpkin

A. Hull, Sec'y.

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Athens, October 8, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Dougherty, Mitchell & Billups--

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Athens, Nov 14, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Billups, Mitchell, & Hamilton.

On motion resolved that E. L. Thomas be now employed to lay off the College Campus to embrace at least 37 acres.

Also to ascertain & mark the boundary line of the unsold lands belonging to the College.

Also, to mark the street running or to be run east of the President's lot, and that the Chairman make a contact for removing the houses & other obstruction in said street and cause the same to be opened.

Resolved, that Mr. Thomas retrace the lines around the square 3 ½ lots, and set up new stakes at the corners, and that he have the use of the two College servants, to aid him therein, and to receive for his compensation the wood in the streets and for other work he be allowed \$5 per day and use of the servants.

Wilson Lumpkin  
C. P. Comty.

Asbury Hull, Secy.

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Athens, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Billups, Dougherty & Mitchell & Hamilton.

On motion resolved

That the duties of Inspector of College Buildings & Libraries be performed by the College officers in rotation and that the President audit all

accounts against the Treasury and draw warrants or orders therefore, for which services no compensation shall be allowed.

Wilson Lumpkin  
C.P.C.

Thursday Nov 20, 1844

The Prudential Committee convened. Present: Mr. Lumpkin,  
Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Hillyer & Mitchell.

Messieurs Billups, Camak & Mitchell were appointed a committee to take into consideration the Botanical Garden and ascertain for what [Season] and how the garden can be managed next year.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P.C.

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Athens, December 4, 1844

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Dougherty, Hamilton, Hillyer and Mitchell.

On motion, resolved that the salary of the Junior Tutor be seven hundred dollars per annum.

It having been ascertained that Samuel J. Stevens declined to accept the tutorship conferred on him in Nov. last, it was resolved that publication to made inviting applicants to send in their names, testimonials etc. to the President, who is hereby authorised to engage the services of a competent tutor, to enter on his duties on the 15<sup>th</sup> January next or as soon thereafter as one can be procured.

On motion

Resolved that the President & Faculty be authorized to provide for the keeping of the Botanical Garden next year, by the employment of some white man, or otherwise, provided the expenses thereof shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars and the use of the house in the garden besides the hire of the servant ---.

Wilson Lumpkin

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Athens January 29, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Mitchell & Harris.

On motion resolved that the Prudential Committee will proceed to sell on the first day of March next at the Town Hall in Athens, the lots on the Watkinsville Road, and the lots laid out east of the President's House.

Terms: 12 months credit on notes with approved security – and that notice thereof be given by publication in the papers in this place.

An application from W.W. and H.P. Clayton, O.P. Shaw and other owners of lots sold on Front Street on 28 Dec 1843 asking permission to erect other than brick buildings on said lots was laid on the table, the application not having had the signatures of all the purchases & owners of said lots.

Athens, March 22, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Hillyer & Mitchell.

On motion, resolved that the lot next above the brick building of W.L. Mitchell on Front Street be offered at public sale to the highest bidder above five hundred dollars. The corner lot next below the corner of O.P. Shaw, having been taken by Asbury & Henry Hull at the sum of seven hundred dollars.

Wilson Lumpkin

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Sale of Town lots on Watkinsville Road at 12 months credit March 1, 1845

No.	To Whom Sold Note	Price	[Contents]?
1		2.18	
102		03.28	
103		3.23	

104	A. Conger	\$450	1.1.30	
105	A. Hull	\$400	1.3.07	
106	Wray and Hull	\$100	2.07	
107	D. Dimeriss	\$350	0.3.37	
108	David J. Lyle	\$300.25	1.0.29	
109			1.25	
110	John H. Newton Butler	\$166	1.0.00	
111	[Hopkins] Jr.		1.1.11	
112	Yoakum	\$800	3.31	
113	Martin	\$100	2.24	
114		\$	3.18	
115	Bishop		3.19	
116	Bishop	\$1200	3.19	
117			3.19	
118	Church & Fulton			
119		\$600	1.1.33	

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Athens May 20, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

General Harris in the Chair, Messieurs Dougherty, Hillyer & Mitchell.

Adjourned to meet again tomorrow having agreed to sell Lot No. 47 in Thomas Survey on such terms as might be agreed upon by a further meeting of the Board of Committee.

Athens May 21, 1845

At a meeting of the Committee pursuant to adjournment from yesterday, the following members attended: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Dougherty, Billups, Harris, Hillyer & Mitchell.

The sale of Lot No. 47 was considered & discussed and no adequate price having been offered therefore it was determined not to sell.

The Committee also determined not to sell a portion of the vacant land above the Town Spring, and a proposition to sell the corner lot in the College campus on Front Street, above Andrews & Phinizy's store, was made and rejected.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. C.

At a meeting of the Committee subsequent to the last it was agreed to sell to John H. Newton, a lot in the rear of his store and stores of Messieurs Andrews & Phinizy and W.W. Sr. & E.P. Clayton on which to build a ware house at \$450.00.

Athens, Saturday Aug 23, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Messieurs Harden, Mitchell, Camak, & Hamilton, & Harris & Billups.

A letter from Hon. Wilson Lumpkin resigning his appointment as Chairman of the Committee was received and read.

Mr. W. L. Mitchell was appointed permanent chairman in lieu of Mr. Lumpkin.

On motion resolved

That ... McDaniel be employed to sink two wells near the College buildings, at such places as the Committee may designate at the price of one hundred & fifty dollars for each well. He furnishing ten feet 6 inches water in the well to be paid for when completed and a failure to perform his undertaking a forfeit the contract. Said McDaniel to commence the work in a reasonable time & to continue at it until completed or until a bandoned.

Messieurs Camak, Lumpkin & Mitchell were appointed a committee to examine the professor's houses now erecting by Conger & Yoakum and to compare the work with the contract and ascertain if these house etc have been built according to the contract in style, materials, etc.

Resolved further that said committee be authorized to ascertain what further improvements and additions

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are necessary and to report to this Committee at a future meeting.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

Athens, September 1, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Hamilton, Harden and Harris & Lumpkin.

On motion resolved that where [application] be made by any of the purchasers of lots at the sale in October last should apply for an extension of the payment that the Treasurer be authorised to extend the said payment until the first of April next and that similar indulgence be extended to purchasers of lots on Front Street whose notes fall due on the 28<sup>th</sup> December next.

Resolved that further time be allowed to the Committee to examine on the new professors houses, etc. to report therein, at some future meeting of the Board.

Resolved, that the Chairman draw his draft on the Treasury in favor of Conger & Yoakum for seven hundred dollars on their contract for building professors houses.

Wm. L Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, Sept. 25, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members viz: William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Hamilton, Billups, Hillyer, Camak.

Mr. Camak from the subcommittee appointed made a report upon the condition of the new professor's houses. Thereupon the Committee came to the resolution that before the next building be received it be repainted and such other alterations made as the Committee on inspection may require.

Mr. Mitchell and Judge Hillyer were appointed a committee to ascertain the amount for which the proposed improvements and additions can be made on the two professor houses & lots, and to contract therefore on the best terms practicable.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, October 10, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Dougherty, Hamilton and Harden.

On motion, resolved that William L Mitchell, Esq., Chairman be and is hereby authorised to ascertain if the professor's houses in the progress of building have been done under the inspection and approval of the proper authority, and that he be authorised to settle with the contractors according to equity and what is right in the premises.

It appearing to the Committee that Lot No. K sold to William L. Mitchell and Front Street was not laid out precisely square with the street, now for remedy whereof resolved, that for consideration of the sum of ten dollars in addition to the amount heretofore paid by him, that he have a deed for the lot to include the building now being erected by him, not confining him to the 32 feet front, or heretofore laid out.

An account rendered by Crane & Carlton for building the College privy amounting \$193.18 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> was refunded to the Chairman to examine the bill & to order its payment, if he be satisfied that the work & materials be according to contract.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, October 25, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Harris & Hillyer.

A proposition from A. Owen for repairing the cornices on the College Chappel and the New College edifices for \$308 was accepted on the basis of a contract with said Owens.

On motion, resolved, that President Church be authorised to review the contract with [Metten] Creighton or some other competent persons for keeping

the Botanical Garden at a price not exceeding the limit fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

Asbury Hull, Secretary

Athens, October 29, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Hamilton, Hillyer, & Lumpkin.

Mr. Camak from the committee appointed made a report suggesting a plan for the erection of a President's House and after discussion it was agreed that the plan of the Bank House in Athens, with such alterations as may be suggested, be adopted to be built of brick, two stories on a basement about 50 feet long and 38 wide.

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On motion, resolved Col. Billups, Judge Hillyer, Mr. Lumpkin & the Chairman be a committee to carry into effect the foregoing plan.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

A. Hull, Secy.

Athens, November 28, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Dougherty, Harden & Harris.

The resignation of Mr. Perdue as tutor having be announced it was resolved that the President of the College be authorised to open correspondence with W. Scudder of Watkinsville and to ascertain if he can be procured to supply the place and in the event of a failure that he advertise for a tutor in ancient languages.

One of the servants hired by the College, belonging to Mrs. Sarah H. Harris having died during the year resolved that Mrs. Harris be paid only for

the time her servant was alive and not for any time after his death and that if Mrs. Harris feels aggrieved that she submit the question to the Board in August next.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, December 6, 1845

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Dougherty, Billups, Harden & Hillyer.

The Committee resolved to sell to John A. Martin Lot Number 113 below the school house of James Fulton for three hundred dollars payable at 12 months from this date, the title to remain in the University till its purchase money is paid.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1845

The Prudential Committee met, present:

William L Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Hamilton & Harris.

Mr. Scudder of Washington is appointed tutor in Ancient Languages in place of Mr. Perdue, resigned.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Harden, Hillyer & Dougherty.

On motion

Resolved that the Prudential Committee will hold regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in each month at 10 o'clock in the forenoon beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of this month.

Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1846

The Prudential Committee met. Present:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Harden, Harris.

A proposition for building a President's House submitted by Messieurs Crane & Carlton which was discussed, considered, and on motion it was resolved

That the building committee be authorised to contact with Messieurs Crane & Carlton for such building at the sum not exceeding the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars.

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The Chairman presented for consideration a bill for extra work done on the professor houses & lots by Messieurs Conger & Yoakum amounting to \$487.15 from which a deduction of \$50 from the price charge for the back portion was ordered, and the balance of the bill was allowed, \$437.15.

Resolved further that payment thereof be withheld until Conger & Yoakum shall comply with the terms of sale for a lot bought by them on the 1st March last.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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At a meeting of the Prudential Committee attended by Messieurs Mitchell, Billups & Harden.

McDaniel the well digger having reported that he did complete his contract, it was ordered that the money be paid if on examination the well be found according to contract and that McDaniel be employed to make a curb to said well at the sum of \$5.00.

It having been reported to the Committee that the ceiling and over the College Chappelis falling & dangerous and thus it is ordered that the same be removed and that it be replaced by plank ceiling instead of plastering as heretofore and for that purpose the Chairman was requested to have the necessary plank sawed immediately.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Athens Jan. 31, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Camak, Billups, Harris, Harden & Dougherty.

No suitable contract having been made for building the President's House, it was resolved that publication be made inviting proposals for the undertaking according to terms set forth by the Committee. Contractors referred to this Chairman for plan & specifications.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

Saturday February 7, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Harris, Dougherty.

On motion of Mr. Camak, resolved that the Chairman be requested to contract for the building of a well house over the new well near the professors' houses.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, February 21, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee, the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Harris.

Some proposals for building the President's House were read, and after conversation relative thereto, it was moved and seconded to postpone the determination of the matter until next Saturday.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Saturday, February 28, 1846

The Prudential Committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Dougherty, Harden & Harris.

The Committee took up the various contracts submitted for building the President's House and after mature consideration it was resolved that the contract heretofore offered to Messieurs Crane & Carlton, with the following modifications be tendered to them again – to wit the lime in the proportion of 1/3 lime, if country lime, if Thomaston lime 1/4.

The windows in the basement of the same width as in the other stories.

The cellar floor to be laid on brick and [Scantling] and to have stone sills to all the windows, and in the event

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that Crane & Carlton decline to undertake & sign the contract that the same be offered to David Demorest.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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March 7, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Camak, Dougherty, Harris & Hillyer.

Messieurs Crane & Carlton having accepted the proposition to build the President's House with some amendments & alterations, and having signed a written contract containing specification & plan, which is deposited in the Secretary's office on motion it was resolved

That the contract this day signed and sealed by Ross Crane & James R. Carlton, brick masons, in which they bind themselves to build a President's House for the Trustees of the University of Georgia, now deposited with the Secretary, be accepted and ratified, and that said Trustees of the University of Georgia be bound to the same Ross Crane & James R. Carlton for the payment of four thousand five hundred dollars, \$4500, according to the terms & true meaning of said contract.

On motion resolved the Chairman

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be authorised to contract with J.L. Whitman for ceiling the College Chappel overhead at the sum of \$185 for the workmanship, the Trustees furnishing all the materials, and further to contract for the scaffolding necessary therefore on the best terms practicable.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Crane & Carlton for the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200, for the purpose of purchasing materials for the President's House, viz locks, hinges, glass etc., etc.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Saturday March 21, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Harden.

There being no business before the Committee, it adjourned.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Athens, Saturday April 4, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Hamilton & Harden.

A communication from Mrs. Harriet Nisbit complaining that her right of way through the college campus had been obstructed was read, and referred to a select committee consisting of Messieurs Mitchell and Harris.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Athens, Saturday May 2d, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended: W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Harden, Harris & Lumpkin & Billups.

General Harris from the Committee appointed made a verbal report relative to Mrs. Nisbit's complaint of obstruction in her way to the effect that the Committee are of the opinion that the matter complained of is not of such a nature or extent as to require any further action of the Trustees, whereupon the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion ordered that the Chairman draw his draft in favor of A. Owen for the sum of sixty dollars in part payment for repairing the cornice on the

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College buildings now in progress of reparation.

On motion

Ordered that a horse & cart, at not exceeding one dollar per day be employeed [sic] to remove the dirt now being dug from the cellar of the President's House to such place in the College avenue as may be most needing it.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, June 1, 1846

The Committee met. Present Messieurs Mitchell, Harden, Harris & Camak.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to make a contract with Washington Yoakum to complete the work in the College Chapel which A. Owen in consequence of his sickness & death left unfinished, at a price not to exceed what said Owen was to have, he having received sixty dollars & leaving a balance of two hundred & fifty eight dollars and the time worked.

Wm. L. Mitchell Chm.

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Athens, June 12, 1846

The Prudential Committee met this morning. Present: Messieurs Mitchell, Camak, Hamilton & Harris.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to contract for painting of the ceiling of the Chapel five coats at a price not to exceed seventy-five dollars, materials included.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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July 18, 1846

The Prudential Committee met this morning. Present William L. Mitchell Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harris & Hamilton.

Resolved that the Chairman have the cupola & belfry of the College Chapel painted as early as practicable and draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the cost.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Saturday, August 1, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris & Dougherty.

[no business reported]

Saturday, August 29, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Cobb, Dougherty, and Harris.

The Committee had some general conversation relative to the various subjects referred to them by the Board at its late meeting.

On motion

Ordered that the Chairman draw on the treasury in favor of Crane & Carlton on their contract for building President's House one thousand dollars.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
P. Com.

A. Hull, Secy.

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Saturday, September 5, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Harris & Dougherty.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman ascertain at what price the columns to the Chapel can be refinished having stone caps on the columns.

Resolved that the proposition of Messier W.L. Mitchell for an additional quantity of land in the rear of his rear building be refunded to the Chairman & Secretary to report upon the quantity, the [extent] of lot holding, etc. at some subsequent meeting of this Committee.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman close a contract with Messieurs Crane & Carlton for the following buildings on the President's rear lot: viz. kitchen, smoke house & privy of brick & carriage & stable, negro houses & negro privy of wood, at a cost not exceeding twelve hundred dollars, \$1200, for the whole.

Resolved that the College Chapel be secured in the months of November & December next.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Saturday, September 12, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harris & Hillyer.

The Chairman stated the Mr. Tutor Scudder has signified his intention to resign his tutorship at the close of this present year. Whereupon the Committee proceeded to elect a successor when it approved that Mr. M. C. Fulton of LaGrange was unanimously elected to enter in his official duties starting in January next.

Mr. Wm. A. Carr through the Chairman made a proposition to grant to the College a large quantity of unconfirmed land in Raburn and Habersham

Counties on the condition that the Board would allow him to send two scholars to College in perpetuity free of charge for tuition. Referred to the Board.

On motion, General Harris was appointed a Committeeman to visit the Botanical Garden, for the ensuing months under resolution of the Board at its late August session.

On motion resolved that the Chairman close a contract for covering the College Chappel

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with Yoakum or some other competent workman at the price of two hundred dollars.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
P. Com.

Saturday Nov 7, 1846

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, & Hamilton & Cobb.

On motion of Mr. Billups resolved that the Chairman be authorised to contract for building an enclosure around the College consisting of posts & rails similar to the present fence planed or dressed & painted. Also to have an appropriate neat fence built in front of the President's House.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Tuesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Dougherty & Hillyer.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to contract for making all necessary & proper repairs to the present house of the President and have the

same fitted up in good style for a professor's house to be occupied by Prof LeConte.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to have Prof Waddel's porch covered with galvanized iron or tin or covered with shingles and the door converted into a window, at discretion.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to have all necessary & proper repairs made on the Philosophical Hall such as the shutters, baseboards, etc.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

Friday, December 25, 1846

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Dougherty.

Resolved that A. Hull having collected the debt due from William Dearing, to wit, the sum of four thousand dollars, be permitted the use of the same, the interest thereon to be computed from the twenty-first day of November last, the day of the collection.

Resolved that the Chairman & the President of the College be authorised to employ a gardener and to hire a servant for the

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garden upon such terms as they may deem best for the interest of the garden.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1847

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee present Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Dougherty.

Resolved that the plan of the enclosure around the College campus be raised so as to be made of posts & planks and that the Chairman contract accordingly.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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January [10<sup>th</sup>], 1847

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended, to wit:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty & Hamilton.

Resolved that the Chairman have the porch of Dr. Stephen's house covered with tin or galvanized iron.

Resolved that it is the duty of the members of the Faculty to furnish their wood for their own private rooms and that the wood supplied the lecture rooms should not be used for private purposes, if such has been the case heretofore.

Resolved that the supply of wood for the Green House be obtained from the old & decaying trees.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Athens, February 6, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended, viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Dougherty.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman draw on the Treasury in favor of Crane & Carlton on their contract for building the President's House and appurtenances in the sum of four thousand dollars.

Resolved that the Chairman be & is hereby authorised to purchase a new bell for the College Chapel to supply the place of the one now in the cupola. Said bell to be of suitable size & tone, and that the old bell be disposed of in exchange for a new one, on such terms as cracked or broken bells are taken.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

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Saturday, February 20, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Mitchell.

An account of Crane & Carlton for two lightening rods to President's House for \$23.10 c was audited & allowed.

The Committee then proceeded in a body to examine the new buildings and to inspect the old house lately occupied by the President, to determine what alterations & repairs should be made thereon. After which it was resolved that the new President's House with the out buildings and appurtenances be received having been completed in terms of the contract.

The Committee after inspection of the old building lately occupied by the President found it so dilapidated that they were unanimously of the opinion that it would be bad policy to undertake its repair.

On motion

Resolved that an acct. by Crane & Carlton for servants, appointments and other items of improvements on the President's lot, amounting to \$123. 57 one/half be allowed and that the Chairman [draw] on the Treasury for the amount of the bill as rendered, and that he also draw on the Treasury for the sum of \$500.00.

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bring the balance due on their original contract for building President's House & appurtenances.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

Wednesday, March 3, 1847

At a special meting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Dougherty.

After sundry consultations relative to the President's old house, the Philosophical Hall, etc. the Committee adjourned to meet on Saturday morning next.

Saturday, March 6, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Hillyer & Lumpkin.

The Committee after consultation, agreed upon building a new house of brick for a professor residence on the site of the old building lately occupied by the President. The building to be one story on a basement.

The Committee agreed to let the contractors have, if they choose to take them. Lot No. 103 at \$1000, 102 at \$800 or No. 112 at \$800.

The Chairman of the Committee being authorized to enter into a

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contract with Crane & Carlton for the contemplated improvements at a price not to exceed \$2400 and the old building.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

Athens, May 15, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Cobb, Hillyer and Lumpkin.

The Prudential Committee proceeded to view & examine the lot on which the old house lately occupied by the President in order to determine position etc of the house about to be built for a professor house and also to determine whether the contemplated house shall [be] two stories high or one story on a basement and after examination it was determined that the building shall front to the New College westward, shall be 2 stories high on a basement have two rooms furnished and the other two left for store rooms.

The additional compensation to the contractors to be \$500, five hundred dollars.

The contractors authorised to repair the out buildings and put up the necessary fencing, & a privy, all for a reasonable compensation.

Wm. L. Mitchell  
Chm.

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Athens, June 19, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Billups, Harris, and Hamilton.

Resolved that the Chairman procure the attendance of at least two members of the Committee on each day of the examination of the Senior Class which is to commence on next Tuesday.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.

**[page 57 (attached)]**

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Ga. & that I will discharge the duties of Professor of Nat. Science in Franklin Coll, to the best of my abilities and agreeably to law.

April 28, 1852

E.L. Newton I.J.C. W. L. Jones

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Ga. & I will discharge the duties of tutor in Franklin Coll, to the best of my abilities and according to law.

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E. L. Newton I.J.C.

April 28, 1852

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Athens, July 24, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended to wit:

Wm. L. Mitchell Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, and Harris.

Mr. Mitchell submitted a condensed report of the Committee actions on various topics since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees which was adopted and order to be presented to the Board at its next annual meeting in compliance with the requisitions of the Board relative to such report.

On motion it was resolved that the President be allowed to remove the materials of which the old campus fence was made, applying such [portion] thereof, as may be unfit for other purposes, to fire wood for the recitation rooms.

Wm. L. Mitchell  
Chrm.

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Athens, October 23, 1847

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, Hamilton & Harden.

On motion

Resolved that ... Kendrick be employed as gardener in the Botanical Garden for the remainder of the year, and for the next, at the wages heretofore given to wit one hundred and fifty dollars per annum and the use of the house in the garden, subject to removal at any time that his performances are not satisfactory to the Committee.

An application from Mr. B. Martin asking permission for a circus company to use and occupy a vacant lot belonging to the College for the purposes of exhibition was promptly and unanimously rejected.

Mr. W.C. Yoakum applied to purchase the lot, known as Fulton School House lot which the Committee agreed to sell the same at \$800, eight hundred dollars.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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Athens, December 24, 1847

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harden, Harris.

An application was made by Mr. Safford to purchase the north half of Lot No. 105 in the rear of the Newton House stable containing something less than one acre. Wherefore it was resolved that the said north half be valued at \$500 and the south half \$350 at 12 months credit and the applicant allowed to take his choice.

On motion

Ordered that the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be paid Messieurs Crane & Carlton, on their contract for building Prof LeCont's (sic) house.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chm.  
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January 18, 1848

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Hamilton, Harden, & Harris & Lumpkin

Mr. Mitchell having removed temporarily from Athens on motion Mr. Lumpkin was appointed Chairman of the Prudential Committee.

On motion ordered, that repairs necessary to be done on professors houses be submitted to the Chairman of the Prudential Committee who is hereby authorised to order the work, & the payment.

Saturday, February 5, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Harden.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman contract for the digging of a new well on the College Hill near the professors' houses, and also for deepening the one already dug in the President's yard upon the most advantageous terms he can.

Resolved that the Chairman investigate the claims of Messieurs Crane & Creighton for work done on Professor LeConte's Lot and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

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Athens, February 19, 1848

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Harden.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman contract for all necessary repairs on Philosophical Hall, especially the recovering and ceiling overhead the same.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. Com.

Saturday, April 22, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Board of Prudential Committee, the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harden, Billups & Harden.

The Treasurer having reported the payment of the note of Asbury Hull of \$4000 into the Treasury, on motion

Resolved that the Treasurer remit the same by loan to Thomas N. Poullain secured by Thomas Wray & others.

The Chairman was requested to examine the gardener's house in the Botanical Garden and ascertain what repairs are necessary and have the same to the extent & on the best terms done, as he may think best.

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The Secretary having received a letter from Professor Stevens in which he resigns his professorship to take effect and [sic] the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next. Read the same before the Prudential Committee wheretofore the following resolution was adopted:

Resolve that the Secretary make publication in ... to the effect that the Professorship of Belle Lettres and Oratory is vacant, or will be, and that the Trustees will proceed to fill the same at their meeting in August next and inviting applicants to present their testimonials.

On application of Mr. James Fulton for a piece of ground to place his school house upon resolved that he be permitted to occupy a sufficient space for the purpose on the northern end of Lot No. 118 Thomas Plan by paying therefore the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. Com.

The Chairman designates for Mr. Fulton one-fourth of an acre on the north end of Lot 118, bring a distance of 255 feet in length, and varying in breadth for [complement] Mr. Fulton agreeing to pay \$25.00 twenty-five dollars, therefor.

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Athens, May 20, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harden and Harris. General Harden in the Chair.

The lot of land applied for by James Fulton was granted for the sum of \$25, twenty-five dollars, containing a little more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre. The north angle of fractional Lot No 118 beginning at the corner of said lot running thus on the east line of the street, 25 feet to the corner of the grave yard, there a straight line 100 feet to the street leading from Mitchell's Hotel to the factory, to a point 255 feet from the beginning corner through from said point to the beginning corner, containing 12.4  $\frac{1}{2}$  square feet. It is ordered that a deed by made thereto, on payment of the purchase money.

Saturday, June 3d, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee, the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Hamilton & Harris.

An application from Benjamin Parr to purchase a piece of land on the branch below the Town Spring was made, considered, and the opinion s expressed that the Board will not for the present dispose of any portion of that lot.

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Resolved that the Chairman cause such repairs to be done to the gardener's house and appurtenances as may be necessary for the preservation thereof & the necessity of the occupants.

Resolved that the Chairman draw occasionally upon the Treasurer for such sum as he may deem proper in favor of the well diggers to enable them to proceed in their work.

Wilson Lumpkin

Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Hamilton & Harden.

Nothing appropriate to the duties of the Committee, it adjourned to the meeting in course.

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Saturday, September 9, 1848

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty & Hamilton.

On application of Mr. B.H. Martin leave be granted to a menagerie company to erect their canvass on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October for the exhibition of animals on the College grounds between the Baptist Church and Mr. Wray's

residence. It being understood that it not be a circus, or any exhibition of that character.

Monday, October 2, 1848

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Messieurs Billups, Cobb, Harden & Mitchell.

On motion

Resolved that Lot No. 34 in [the] Committee Survey be sold to A.M. Scudder on a situation on which to erect a male academy at four hundred dollars.

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Athens, November 25, 1848

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Dougherty & Mitchell.

Resolved that the Chairman be authorized to continue the efforts to get water in the well now digging, at his discretion.

Ordered that the Lot No. 114 next to Thomas Bishop's, be sold at a price not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Athens, April 7, 1859

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups & Harris.

On motion resolved that the Lot No. 116 next beyond Mr. Thomas Bishop, new house & lot be sold to him, Mr. Bishop, at \$400.00.

On motion resolved that the Chairman be authorised to have built a pantry to Prof Waddell's house, to have a lightening rod put on the Apparatus Hall, such repairs as are necessary on the College buildings, a corner lot inclosed for Prof Le Conte's use and to take steps as may be necessary to provide a suitable room and accommodations for the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

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Athens, April 5, 1849

At a stated meeting of the Board of Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Messieurs Dougherty, Hamilton, Mitchell.

An account of Charles S. Oliver of \$16.00 for painting house in Botanical Garden was presented & ordered to be paid.

On motion

Resolved that Mr. A. M. Scudder be required to determine whether he will take the Lot No. 34 or not on the conditions implied in the minutes of October last and if [he] does take said lot he be require to pay interest from said October on the \$200.00.

Saturday, July 7, 1849

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Harris, Billups & Hamilton.

The Secretary reported that Mr. A.M. Scudder declined taking the lot which he was offered on which to build a house for an academy, which the Committee accepted.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P.Com.

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Athens, September 1849

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members met:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, & Hamilton & Harris.

On motion, Lots No. 114 & 117 in Thomas' Survey was sold to Thomas Bishop at seven hundred dollars. Also Lot No. 119 on the Spring Branch, together with any other land adjacent thereto, which the College owns, not involving controversy be sold to Washington C. Yoakum at the sum of six hundred dollars.

Wilson Lumpkin

Ch. P. Com.

Athens, Nov. 29, 1849

The Prudential Committee met today pursuant to a request from the President. Attending: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Dougherty, Billups & Hamilton.

It appearing under the present exigencies of the College, that the appointment of a tutor is necessary, on motion resolved that Thomas G. Pond a graduate of the Institution, be and he is hereby appointed a tutor in Franklin College with a salary of six hundred dollars per annum.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. Com.

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Athens, March 9, 1850

At a stated meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee, the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, & Harris.

The Committee agreed to allow Mr. C. Kendrick, the sum of four hundred dollars for his wages as gardener for this year.

Athens, July 6, 1850

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended to wit:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harris, Mitchell.

An account of D. Demorest for additions and repairs done to & upon Professor Brantley's house amounting to \$399.52 presented wherefore it was ordered to be paid and that Mr. Brantley be charged interest on \$2500 or \$150 for annum by way of rent.

A bill of Ross Crane for doing repairs on the Library building, well house etc. was presented approved, and ordered to be paid amounting to the sum of \$169.42.

An application from Dr. W. A. Ward to purchase a fractional portion of ground adjoining his premises was disposed of by authorizing the Chairman to sell the ground to Dr. Ward upon such terms as may be deemed right.

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On motion

Resolved that the strips of land lying immediately in front of the lots of Thomas Wray and Asbury Hull be sold to them at the sum of one hundred dollars for both, it being considered improper to sell such land to any other persons and they having been incommoded by the changes in location of the street.

Athens, August 5, 1850

The Prudential Committee thinks it proper now to second the fact that permission was granted to Adjunct Professor Wood to lodge out of College during a part of the late term and until the present meeting of the Board he having changed his condition from a single to a married life.

They have agreed and do hereby consent that the misunderstanding between them and John H. Newton be adjusted by permitting Mr. Newton to retain and have a deed to so much of the Ware house lot as he has already inclosed and no more. He having paid thusfar five hundred dollars.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. Com.

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Athens, January 11, 1851

At a stated meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Hamilton.

[no business reported]

Saturday, April 26, 1851

At a meeting of the Board of Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, & Cobb.

On motion, the small piece of ground adjoining ...Dixon & inclosed by him was ordered to be sold to him at the sum of fifty dollars.

The resignation of adjunct Prof. Wood which took place the 1<sup>st</sup> instance, being suggested on motion, resolved that this Committee accept said resignation, with an expression on their part, of regret to loss his services and, and (sic) of entire satisfaction of the manner in which Prof. Wood has discharged his duties, creditably to himself and advantageously to the Institution, and that the Secretary furnish Mr. Wood with a copy of this resolution.

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On motion resolved

That publication be made of an election of a professor, at the meeting of the Trustees in August next, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. James Jackson.

On motion resolved that Treasurer be authorised to invest in Georgia Rail Road Bonds or other securities, \$1500 or \$2000 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said investment to be made by or before the meeting of the Board in August next.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch.

Athens, May 3, 1851

At a meeting of the Board of Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Mitchell.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell resolved that in consideration of doubts relative to the powers of this Committee and of the intention of the Board of Trustees relative to the character of the professorship now vacant, the publication ordered to be made, at the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. be suspended for the present.

Wilson Lumpkin

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Athens, Aug 23, 1851

The Prudential Committee met at the call of the Chairman. Present: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris & Moore.

The Committee went in a body to view the College buildings, in order to ascertain what repairs would be made thereon in conformity to instructions of the Board at its last meeting. Whereupon it was resolved

That President Church be requested to point out to some competent mechanic the repairs necessary to be done and lay before the Committee at a future meeting the result of such investigation with any estimates which might be made.

The Committee then went to the Botanical Garden at which some repairs were ordered, and the wages of the gardener were increased to three hundred fifty dollars, he furnishing all the labour necessary to keep the Garden in good order.

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Athens, Sept. 6, 1851

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Billups, Dougherty, & Harris.

On motion

Resolved that the Chairman be authorized to make a contract with Mr. Crane for all the needful repairs, to the buildings belonging to the University.

Athens, Dec. 13, 1851

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, Dougherty, & Mitchell.

Under a public notice to the election of a tutor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Tutor Fulton, whereby Mr. William Delaney was unanimously elected with a salary of \$700.00 per annum to commence the first of January next.

Upon the subject of instruction in French it was resolved

That the Faculty of College be request to provide for teaching the French language by assigning it to some one of their members until the meeting of the Board in August next.

Asbury Hull, Secretary

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Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1852

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris & Dougherty.

Nothing done--.

Saturday, May 8, 1852

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee held this day the following members attended viz;

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harris, Moore & Mitchell.

It having been presented to the Prudential Committee that differences of opinion exist among the faculty as to the expediency of changing the recitations in certain sciences from the junior to the sophomore year, resolved that the Faculty be advised to forbear making any such change.

The Board of Trustees having instructed the Prudential Committee to make the best provision for teach the French language in their power. Resolved therefore that Dr. W.L. Jones be requested to teach the French language. Resolved that the Chairman of the Prudential Committee be requested to urge on Mr. R. Crane increased diligence in the prosecution of the various repairs which he is engaged in making on & in connexion with the College buildings so as to insure the completion thereof before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next.

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Saturday, July 17, 1852

At a stated meeting the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, Moore & Mitchell.

On motion

Ordered that the Chairman draw on the Treasury in favor of Messier Crane for \$500 on account of his contract for repairing College, etc.

Saturday, July 31, 1852

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, Mitchell.

Upon an examination of the bills & accounts of Ross Crane for special repairs done on and about the College buildings it was ascertained that the bills as far rendered amount to about \$3560.00 of which it has been paid \$3000 showing balance yet due about \$500.

Wilson Lumpkin

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College Library  
Athens, August 7, 1852

At a special meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Dougherty, Harris, Mitchell, Moore, and Judge Schley as a Trustee.

A letter from Professor Jones addressed to A. Hull, Secretary, being laid before the Prudential Committee. After due consideration

The Committee unanimously considered said letter as a tender of resignation of Professor Jones and therefore, resolved that Mr. Hull be requested to communicate to Professor Jones the acceptance of his resignation.

Wilson Lumpkin  
Ch. P. Com.

Saturday, Aug 21, 1852

The Prudential Committee met today in pursuance of adjournment.

Present: Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Harris, Mitchell & Harris and Judge Schley as a Trustee.

On motion resolved that the President of the University be requested to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees to convene in this place on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November next, to elect a Professor of Natural Science.

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Resolved

That the Secretary make publication in the *National Intelligencer* and *Union News* papers at the City of Washington that the Board of Trustees will proceed to elect a Professor of Natural Sciences, who will be also required to teach the French language on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November next.

Athens, Sept. 11, 1852

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harris & Mitchell.

On motion

Resolved that the election of Professor of Nat Sciences be postponed until Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and due notice thereof be given and that publication be made in both the papers presented in this forum.

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Athens, January 8, 1853

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee held this day, the following members attended:

Wilson Lumpkin, Mitchell, Moore, and Harris.

Governor Lumpkin made tender of his resignation as Chairman which was accepted. Wherefore William L. Mitchell, Esq. was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Prudential Committee.

Wilson Lumpkin

Thursday, January 13, 1853

At a stated meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Dougherty, Moore, Harris & Lumpkin.

Doct. Moore was appointed a committee to see that no trespassers be allowed on the College grounds, or graveyard.

Ordered

That M. J. Kendrick be continued as gardener for the year with the same salary to wit, three hundred & fifty dollars, and that his whole time be required for the discharge of his duties, he furnishing the necessary labour as heretofore.

Wm. L. Mitchell

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Athens, January 26, 1853

At a special meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, Lumpkin, Moore.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas P.G. Pond resigning his office of tutor in Franklin College, which was read, wheretofoe the resignation was accepted and Mr. Alonzo W. Church was elected to fill the vacancy with a salary of \$800 eight hundred dollars per annum.

Wm. L. Mitchell

Athens, June 23, 1853

At a special meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, & Harris.

Resolved that stone steps be put to the door of the Philosophical Hall, provided it can be done upon the same terms as the steps heretofore delivered.

Resolved that Benjamin J. Parr be employed to granitize and paint the College Chapel according to the specifications in his proposition, the work to be done by the middle of July next, in the best style of such work.

Wm. L. Mitchell

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Athens, July 11, 1853

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harris & Lumpkin.

An application from the Commissioners of the Town of Athens to be permitted to place a [hydrant and ram] in the Botanical Garden was referred to Mr. Mitchell, Chairman who was authorised to conclude a contract or arrangements on terms not disadvantageous to the interests of the College.

Wm L. Mitchell

Saturday, July 23, 1853

The Prudential Committee met.

Present: W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Harris, Moore & Lumpkin.

Ross Crane's bill for sundry repairs was presented and referred for examination to Messieurs Mitchell & Lumpkin.

Wm. L. Mitchell

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Monday, July 25, 1853

The Prudential Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, Lumpkin, & Moore.

Ross Crane's bill for repairs was taken up & investigated and some few items to be explained, was ordered to be paid, also Benjamin Parr for painting Chapel.

Wm. L. Mitchell

Saturday, August 17, 1853

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty & Moore.

There having some misunderstanding as to the time at which Mr. Short should commence his duties as Teacher of Modern Languages, the Committee agree in the opinion that he begin immediately or as soon as he may conveniently, and that his salary begin accordingly.

Wm L. Mitchell

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Saturday, September 17, 1853

The Prudential Committee met. Present: Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, & Messieurs Lumpkin, Harris, & Dougherty.

On motion,

Resolved that the Secretary give notice through the papers that there will be two vacancies for tutors in Franklin College and invite applicants to make known their applications by the meeting of the Board of Trustees at Milledgeville on the second Monday in November next, and that the notice be inserted in the Athens papers, in the *Constitutionalist & Republic*, and the *Chronicle & Sentinel* of Augusta till the meeting of the Board.

Wm. L. Mitchell

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Friday, October 7, 1853

At a stated meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Dougherty, & Harris.

On motion ordered

That the Treasurer pay Mr. J. Kendrick his wages for September discounting therefrom the price of 2000 bricks used by him, which belonged to the College.

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman

Thursday, December 15, 1853

The Prudential Committee met. Present:

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Harris, & Lumpkin.

Prof. C. F. McKay [sic] having sent in his resignation as Professor of Mathematics & Astronomy to take effect in the first of January next, therefore

resolved that the President be requested to call a meeting of the Board to be held in this place on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January next for the purpose of filling said vacancy and that the Chairman of the Committee in the absence of the Secretary be requested to advertise for candidates in the following papers, viz: *Constitutionalist & Republic Chronicle & Sentinel* of Augusta, The *Mercury* of Charleston, the *Union*, the *National Intelligencer* of Washington City, the *Richmond Enquirer* of Richmond, Va. and the two papers of this place, also the *Savannah Georgian & Republic* of Savannah.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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January 18, 1854

By order of the Prudential Committee the action of the Board of Trustees at their recent meeting was directed to be inscribed in the papers in Georgia in which the notice of the election of professor was unrated for an line in each and their accounts sent to the Treasurer for payment.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

Monday, June 5, 1854

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups and Lumpkin.

A communication was laid before the Board from Prof. Brantley resigning his professorship at the end of the present year.

Wherefore it was ordered that notice be given in the public prints that an election for a professor of Oratory & Belles Lettres and also Professor of Mathematics, etc. will be made at the annual meeting of the Board in August next.

On motion leave was granted the Presbyterian Congregation to remove their present building to adjacent ground until a new church be erected on the site of the old one.

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman

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July ... 1854

The Prudential Committee having an informal meeting addressed a note to the Rev'd. Wm. T. Brantley soliciting him to withdraw his resignation of the Professorship of Oratory & Belles Lettres and received for answer that he would comply with their request which was accordingly done by a withdrawal of his tendered resignation. Wherefore public notice was immediately given in the public prints announcing the fact.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

August 12, 1854

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Cobb, Jackson, Lumpkin and Moore.

Mr. Cobb offered a resolution that the Botanical Garden be offered for sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October on which motion the yeas & nays were taken and are as following: Yeas: Messieurs Cobb, Moore & Lumpkin. Nays: Messieurs Billups, Jackson & Mitchell. Whereupon the subject was postponed until the Saturday after the Superior Court in Hall County.

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Mr. Mitchell was authorized to have 3 cisterns dug at the professor's houses under resolution and appropriation of the Board of Trustees at its late meeting.

September 4, 1854

At the call of the Chairman the following members of the Prudential Committee met:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Cobb & Lumpkin.

The address proposed by the Committee of the Board appointed at Commencement was presented touching the endowment [establishment] objects & benefits of the Terrell Professorship of Agriculture whereupon it was

Resolved that the Chairman have published in a phamphlet (sic) form 2000 copies of

Dr. Terrell's letter [to] the Board, Report of Committee to Trustees, Address of Committee to the public, Dr. Lee's letter of acceptance of the professorship, all for gratuitous distribution.

On motion  
Resolved that the

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Chairman be authorized to have such repairs or additions made to Professor Brantley's house as may be necessary desirable.

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Saturday, Sept. 2, 1854

The Prudential met in pursuance of adjournment. Present:  
W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, J. H. Lumpkin.

The subject of the Botanical Garden was postponed until the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November next.

November 6, 1854

At a called meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz:

Messieurs Billups, Moore.

Nothing done.

**[out of chronological order]**

November

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Messieurs Mitchell, Jackson, J.H. Lumpkin, & Moore met as the Prudential Committee.

Resolved that Messieurs Moore, Jackson and Lumpkin be a committee to purchase the Presbyterian Church building for a lecture room for the agricultural professorship.

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Nov 10, 1854

At a called meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended.

W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, W. Lumpkin & J.H. Lumpkin.

A note from Mr. Marcellus Stanley resigning his tutorship in Franklin College.

Wherefore John W. Park was hereby elected with a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum.

The subject of the Botanical Garden having been again discussed, it was suggested & agreed to that each member of the Committee be authorized and requested to procure a purchaser for the garden at one thousand dollars, and if no purchaser be found or disposition be made thereof by the 1<sup>st</sup> December next, then the Chairman of this Committee be authorised to employ a person to take charge and care of the garden until the meeting of the Trustees in August next.

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Athens, Nov 28, 1854

The Prudential Committee met today. Present:

Messieurs Mitchell, Chairman, Cobb, Billups, Lumpkin, J.H. and Moore.

Mr. Moore reported that the Committee appointed had contacted with the authorities of the Presbyterian Church to purchase the church building now on the College grounds at the sum of \$500 dollars, five hundred, and that the Treasurer be & he is hereby authorised to pay that sum to the Presbyterian Church, with condition that the building is to be subject to the joint occupancy of the College for professional purposes and the church for religious services until the completion of the new church about to be erected in this place, and which is expected to be finished in the course of the next year.

Wm L. Mitchell

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Athens, Dec 30, 1854

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Jackson, Cobb, Wilson Lumpkin, Moore & Jos. H. Lumpkin.

On motion resolved that

The street known as the Watkinsville Road and the parallel streets west thereof be widened to 40 feet by taking 3 ½ feet from in front & rear of the lots on said streets.

The Treasurer was authorised to sell any of the lots on the Watkinsville Road or west thereof at any sum not less than \$600, six hundred dollars.

Mr. Mitchell & Doctor Moore were appointed a committee to negotiate a sale of the Botanical Garden to Wm. Gallaber or other persons at \$1000, provided a satisfactory arrangement can be made with & for Thos. McDowell, who had been employed to take care of the garden until August next.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Athens, July 21, 1855

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Moore & Jackson.

Mr. Moore from the committee appointed to dispose of the Botanical Garden reported that negotiations for the sale of the same had failed, & that the garden remains as at present until the meeting of the Board of Trustees at Commencement.

Ordered that Lots Nos. 52 & 53 (Thomas' Survey) be sold to Mr. Albin P. Dearing for \$800.00.

Ordered that the resolution passed this December last, authorising the sale of any lots on the Watkinsville Road for \$600 be rescinded; and that the Committee will meet on Wednesday next to examine & fix the value on each lot.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Athens, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1855

At an informal meeting of the Prudential Committee, more than a quorum being present etc., it was resolved

That the Chairman be authorised to continue the services of Thomas McDowell in the Botanical Garden and to make such other arrangements therefor as the appropriations allowed by the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees will justify.

Athens, Sept. 7, 1855

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Wilson Lumpkin, & J.H. Lumpkin and on invitation the following morning of the Faculty, President Church, Professor Waddel, John LeConte and Joseph LeConte.

Judge Lumpkin, Dr. Church & Dr. John LeConte were appointed a committee to prepare and report a plan for the further endowment and usefulness of the University of Georgia to make it what its Founders intended it to be, in pursuance of a resolution of the late [sic] meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be submitted to the meeting in Milledgeville in November next.

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September 19, 1855

The Prudential Committee met. Present:

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Moore, Jackson, Wilson Lumpkin & Joseph H. Lumpkin. Dr. Church, the President, was invited to attend.

Dr. John LeConte, Prof. of Nat. Phil. & Chem. notified us that he had been elected to the Chemical Chair in the Medical College of New York City which he has accepted, & tendered his resignation in writing, which was ordered to be filed & laid before the Board at the stated meeting in Milledgeville.

Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write the non-resident Trustees informing them of the resignation of Dr. John LeConte and requesting them to attend the next stated meeting of the Board at Milledgeville with a view to elect a successor, and to attend to other important matters connected with the interests of the College.

Resolved that Dr. Jos. LeConte be appointed on the Committee raised at the last meeting in lieu of Dr. John LeConte.

Adjourned,  
Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

At this meeting of the Prudential Committee it was resolved  
That Doctor Joseph LeConte be authorised to move into and occupy the house at present & of late occupied by Prof. John LeConte, on the same terms as theretofore charged for said house as rent.

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Athens, Oct 20, 1855

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee and College Faculty a number of papers were read on the various subjects of new professorships on which it is proposed to memorialise (sic) the next approaching Legislature of Georgia, which were referred to the Chairman Mr. Mitchell to arrange and prepare for presentation to a file of the Board of Trustees.

On motion

Resolved that the Prudential Committee consent to a sale of Lots No. ... to Messier John S. & Samuel Linton at \$1500.

An account presented by Doct. Jos. Le Conte, late Professor for work done on his house unauthorized by the Committee was not allowed.

On motion resolved that Job Byrd be employed to deepen Prof. Wadde's well.

Asbury Hull, Secy.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

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Thursday, December 6, 1855

The Prudential Committee convened on the call of the Chairman, William L. Mitchell, Esq. who with Messieurs Billups, Jackson, Judge Lumpkin, & Dr. Moore were in attendance.

Prof. Le Conte appeared before the Committee to inquire whether he was considered in opposition to the Board in refusing to visit rooms in College as required by the President, active, under a recent resolution of the Trustees.

A written communication from Doct. Church on the subject was read.

The Committee granted no dispensation to Prof. LeConte, or relaxation of the rule.

At this and subsequent meetings of the Board, the Committee agreed to sell off College land, Thomas Survey, as follows: Lot. No. 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 & 71 to Thomas R. R. Cobb at \$1050, one thousand & fifty dollars.

To Mr. W. Lumpkin No. 61, 62, 63, 64, & 65 at \$200 each, one thousand dollars.

To Albon Chase No. 60 at \$150.00. To the Trustees of the Female High School for educational purposes only, Lots No. 48 & 57 at \$800.

To Joseph H. Lumpkin Nos. 49 & 56 at \$800. To Judge J. Jackson No. 50 & 55 at \$800. To John T. Grant Nos. 51 & 54 at \$800 and heretofore Lot No. 40 to [Maj.] Wm Dearing at \$600, and Nos. 52 & 53 to A.P. Dearing at \$800.

On motion, resolved that the Chairman and Doct. Moore were authorised to sell a piece of ground, between T. Bishop's lot and the grave yard.

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On motion,

Ordered the surplus funds in the Treasury whatever they may be, be invested forthwith in bonds upon the most favorable terms.

On motion,

Resolved that Lot Nos. 102 & 103 be sold at one thousand dollars and that these be offered first to Asbury Hull at that price, said lot lying in front of his residence.

A. Hull consents to take said lots, whenever Ross Crane removes therefrom his workshop which he now occupies by consent of the Prudential Committee.

The Committee now is disposed to withdraw from market at present the remaining lots unless higher prices are offered therefor.

Asbury Hull, Secy.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

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Athens, February 23, 1856

The Prudential Committee met pursuant to a call by the Chairman.

Present:

W. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs, Billups, Jackson, Wilson Lumpkin, & Moore.

President A. Church & Prof. Joseph Le Conte being in attendance, the President read an extract from a late article published by Dr. Joseph LeConte in which it was alleged or complained of that Doct. Church was oppressive in his official conduct towards Prof. Joseph LeConte.

The Committee having heard statements from both gentlemen resolved; That in the opinion of this Committee, President Church has only performed his duty in the matter of requiring of Prof. Joseph LeConte to discharge a portion of the police duties of the College, nor is there any evidence that the President has in matter or manner oppressed the Professor, which resolution was read, the gentleman and Doct. Church furnished with a copy.

At this meeting it was agreed to sell Lot Nos. 38 & 39 to A.P. Dearing at \$800.

Asbury Hull, Secy.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

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Thursday, March 29, 1856

The Prudential Committee met pursuant to [a] call. Present: William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs W. Lumpkin, Billups, Moore, Jackson.

Gov. Lumpkin made the following report which was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

To the Prudential Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia, Gentlemen:

At your request & by the concurrent wish of the Board of Trustees & in regular session met. I was induced to act as the Agent of the Board in impression tending (sic) their application to the late General Assembly recommending to that Body a liberal endowment to our State University. Thereby place our institution upon that elevated ground which was contemplated by its enlightened patriotic founders & their wise and farseeing associates, who framed our State Constitution. My zeal for the accomplishment of this noble object sustains as it was by a deliberate conviction that the best interests of our beloved State demanded the success of our application could alone have overcome my self distrust of my ability to perform the duties of an agency, requiring such a variety of qualifications to meet every emergency which necessarily appertained to its proper discharge.

And, Gentlemen, it would be altogether inappropriate in a brief report of the most important results of our application, for me

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to enter upon the various details of my efforts in connection with this subject. Suffice it to say that I have devoted some five or six weeks so the object of accomplishing your views, as presented to the Legislature. And that although no application has failed of that complete success which one so ardently desired. Nevertheless the degree of success and encouragement which has attended our efforts affords us assurance approaching to certainty that complete success at no distant day awaits our application. The enlightened people of Georgia will have a great State University where many branches of useful learning, which can be obtained by instruction of men re the use of books in any one school in one broad Spread Confederacy, may be acquired in the University of Georgia. All that is now wanting making to consummate the most complete success is a wise and untiring prosecution on the part of those who have therefor put this ball in motion.

After innumerable delays and difficulties a bill for the ample endowment of the University, passed the House of Representatives, by a majority of 12 or 14 votes. It was then sent to the Senate [and] read a first & second time on two different days and the next day during the only remaining day of the Legislature for the want of time it was laid on the table as a part of the great mass of unfinished business of the session.

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The friends of the measure could not fail to perceive that in the closing moments of a protracted session of the Legislature, when there was but little more than a quorum of the members in attendance and when those who remained were laboring under excitement & panic from recent deaths and sickness of the members, was a most unfortunate state of things for deliberation & action upon such a subject as that of the endowment of the University. The friends of the measure desire the most ample investigation & discipline. They feel prepared to sustain the news which they entertain by the most irresistible & logical argument.

If prompt & early action could have been obtained from the Legislature on the endowment of the University, our efforts would have been crowned with entire success. But I found it extremely difficult to manuevere this obstacle of procrastination. We had numerous able & true supporters of the University in the Legislature, but we had scarcely a single representative who considered the University & its interests, his first & chief object of legislation. Almost every member seemed to have the official charge of some other measure which claimed precedence of the University.

The Legislature of Georgia is a numerous & unwieldy body, and from custom we have a greater amount of legislation than any other state in Christendom. And so Gentlemen to return home to his constituents without

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claiming the honor of being the author of one or more legislative anactments (sic).

I have, during the past winter availed myself of any opportunity, with members of the Legislature & others, whether an audience was large or small to introduce & discuss the subject of the endowment of the University; and I have not yet met with the first individual who [controverted our main positions in an open and manly manner. The finished document presented to the Legislature by the Board of Trustees, was not only laid upon the table of many members of both branches of the Legislature, but has been placed in the hands of individuals in every section of the State, especially in the hands of those who were believed to feel the deepest interest in the rising generation. It must not be misunderstood, however, that there exists no opposition to the endowment

of the University. The measure has many insidious enemies influenced by various motives. But it is an opposition, without any solid basis to stand upon & therefore will not bear the light of investigation and enlightened patriotic discipline.

Wilson Lumpkin

On motion, it was ordered that Lots Nos. 50 & 55 be sold to Lewis J. Lumpkin for the sum of eight hundred dollars.

Asbury Hull, Secy.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

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Athens, April 26, 1856

At a called meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended viz: Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson, W. Lumpkin, J.H. Lumpkin, & Moore.

On motion it was resolved to build another professors' house with necessary out buildings & fences, not to exceed in expense the sum of four thousand dollars and the Chairman be authorised to select a cite [sic] and contract for the work.

A letter addressed to the Chairman from Mr. John White, in relation to the recent expulsion of his son from College for the offense of carrying deadly weapons, which was read and considered and upon which it was decided that an appeal from the action of the College Faculty could only be entertained by the Board of Trustees, and was beyond the jurisdiction of this Committee.

On motion

Ordered that the open well on the College grounds be filled up at the expense of the College.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Saturday, May 17, 1856

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

William L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson, Moore & W. Lumpkin.

An application from the Trustees of the Athens Female High School was made through Thos. R. R. Cobb, Esq. asking that the Board would grant the lots heretofore selected for the said school on terms more favorable than those agreed upon on the 6<sup>th</sup> December last.

So much of the application as relates to a donation of the lots in a sale of them at a nominal price was laid over for the purpose of reference to the Board of Trustees and the Secretary is hereby instructed to make a deed to the lots unconditionally should it be decided by the High School.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Lots sold subsequent to the meeting of the Board as of August 1856.

Aug. 22, 1856 to wit sold:

No. 42 to Jos. T. Lumpkin at	\$400.00
No. 34 to George P. Fellows	\$500.00
No. 47 & 58 to John F. Phinzy	\$400.00
No. 43 to Mary Mathews	\$600.

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August 29, 1856

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Judge Lumpkin, & Moore.

It was on motion

Resolved, that in obedience to an order of the Board at its late meeting, the shrubs & flowers of the Botanical Garden be offered for sale at the Garden at auction for cash on Thursday next, and that the garden itself be put up for sale to the highest bidder at Huggins' Corner on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> proximo, and also at the same time & place the old Presbyterian Church edifice to be removed from the ground soon after the congregation now worshipping there shall remove to their new house.

Also at same time & place a piece of ground from T. Bishop's lot to within 30 feet of the graveyard.

On the application & advice of Dr. Moore, leave of absence was granted to Tutor W.H. Waddel from his duty in College, for the restoration of his health which his physician represents as precarious.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Athens, December 29, 1856

The Prudential Committee met. Present: W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, W. Lumpkin, J.H. Lumpkin, Jackson & Moore.

Mr. Thos. R.R. Cobb, Chairman in behalf of the Oconee Hill Cemetery proposed to obtain for the Trustees thereof, a half acre of land including the small brick free school house, for the occupancy of the sexton, whereupon it was resolved,

That we sell a half acre of land to the Trustees of said cemetery including the small brick school house for the sum of ten dollars, upon condition that the parties interested in said brick school house relinquish their claim to said Cemetery Trustees, and upon the further condition, that when the Trustees of said Cemetery or their successors in office, shall cease to use said half acre for the purposes herein contemplated, the same with the appurtenances thereof, shall revert to the Trustees of the University of Georgia to belong to the Corporation the referent.

Resolved that Dr. Moore be a committee to arrange with Professor Waddel for such ornamental plants & shrubs as they may agree can be divided or removed without injury to the lot.

Resolved that the Chairman

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prepare a circular & have 300 copies printed for distribution and that one copy be sent to each of the parents & guardians of persons now connected with the Institution, including in said circular the substance of the advertisement in the newspapers and such other matters as may be [discernable] respecting the vacations and expenses of Board.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman ---

Athens, January 5, 1857

At a stated meeting of the Board of the Prudential Committee the following  
Members attended: W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Moore, W. Lumpkin & J.H. Lumpkin & Jackson.

On motion, resolved that two hundred dollars be paid the late Prof. James P. Waddel for certain improvements made by him, including a negro house, which was considered necessary to the lot recently occupied by him.

Resolved that the sum of two hundred dollars be added to the capital cost of said lot, on which the occupant shall be required to pay 6 per cent interest by way of Rent.

On motion resolved that hereafter no improvements or additions made to the houses and lots occupied by the College officers will

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be paid for by the College, unless such additions or improvements have been ordered by the proper authorities.

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman

Tuesday, April 28, 1857

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

Messieurs Moore, Jackson, Wilson Lumpkin and Thos. R. R. Cobb on proxy for Joseph H. Lumpkin.

On motion

Resolved that the late Professor Brantley be relieved from any obligation to return to College in the month of July next, to prepare the senior and other classes for Commencement and that duty be performed by President Church and Prof. Mell.

On motion

Ordered that the street immediately west of the Baptist Church be widened 8 feet, before the new enclosure be put up.

Wm. L. Mitchell, Chairman

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Wednesday, May 20, 1857

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson & Moore.

An account of A.K. Childs for furnishing a watch and keeping time for the College for the space of 11 years past amounting to fifty dollars, was presented and ordered to be paid.

A portion of the tuition of Calloway, a student leaving College now on account of ill health, was ordered to be paid back to him.

Certain alterations in the new Professors house, raising the basement 3 feet higher and finishing a drawing room & pantry staircase at a cost additional of \$550 was agreed upon and ordered to be made.

Mr. Secretary was requested to procure an editorial notice of the election of two Professors in August next to fill the vacancies in the faculty, in the papers in this town & elsewhere if practicable.

It was agreed to substitute stone steps in lieu of the two small iron gates to be put in the College enclosure, provided the contractor would do so without additional charge.

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Athens, June 15, 1857

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson & Lumpkin.

A letter from Mr. H.J.G. Williams, in behalf of parties interested, addressed to the President of the College, stating that Franklin College is or has been possessed of a moiety of Blythe Island in Glynn County in this State and that he is investigating the legislation of the State touching that Island and requesting to know the nature of the claim held by the College to any portion of that Island, from whom the Institution purchased whether it now claims any interest in the Island, and if [it] has been sold, to whom, and requesting an early answer.

Resolved that a reply to said letter be made, to the effect that the same will be laid before the Board of Trustees at its first meeting in August next, and such action then made as may seem to the Board discreet.

Wm. L. Mitchell  
Chairman.

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Athens, July 4, 1854

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson & Moore.

On motion

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Ross Crane five hundred dollars in addition to the 1000 heretofore advanced him on his contract for building the new professor house.

Ordered that the Chairman provided to have repaired the College privy in a manner as near fire proof as comports with due economy.

An account of Thos. Carroll for building a stone culvert across College Avenue where it enters the campus was presented and adjudged exorbitant whereupon the Chairman was requested to have the work examined and assessed by proper judges, and to settle the amount as best he could.

Wm L. Mitchell, Chairman

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September 10, 1857

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee the following members attended:

W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson, Wilson Lumpkin, J.H. Lumpkin and Moore.

Ordered

That the Treasurer pay A. Conger one hundred dollars on his contract for inclosing the college campus, which contract was enlarged so as to extend to the eastern side of the campus grounds and to be continued on the western side down to the Factory Street.

Ordered

That the Chairman proceed to have a side walk made on Front Street from the north east corner of the campus to the Baptist Church and also to have suitable grade the northwestern corner of the grounds, for the purpose of being planted in trees & shrubbery.

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Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 1857

The Prudential Committee met at the call of the Chairman. Present: W.L. Mitchell, Chairman, Messieurs Billups, Jackson, J.H. Lumpkin, W. Lumpkin.

The Treasurer was authorised to renew the note of Wm. D. Fulton for twelve months.

Plans & specifications for the new Library building were presented by Ross Crane & Hughes, with estimates of cost, which were referred to the meeting of the Trustees in Milledgeville.

Ordered that publication of the course of Study, the organization of the Faculty &c be made as usual.

The action of the Treasurer with regard to the payment of house rent by Profs Easter & Rutherford was submitted and approved.

The Chairman of the Prud. Com. was authorized to cause such additional accommodations to be provided on the House & Lot of Prof. Johnson as may be agreed on by himself & Prof. Johnson.