

The Regents of the University of the State of New York to all to whom these presents shall or may come Greeting  
Whereas Samuel Kirkland Jonas Platt Eli Bristall Erastus Clark Joel Bristall Sewal Hopkins James Dean and Michael Myers by an Instrument in writing under their hands and seals bearing date the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and ninety two after stating among other things that they are founders and benefactors of a certain Academy in Whitestown contiguous to Oneida Nation of Indians in the County of Herkimer in the state aforesaid who have contributed more than one half in value of the real and personal property and Estate collected or appropriated for the use and benefit of the said Academy did make application to us the said Regents that the said Academy might be incorporated and become subject to the visitation of us and our successors and that we would signify our approbation that Alexander Hamilton, John Lansing, Egbert Benson, Dan? Bradley, Eli Bristall, Erastus Clark, James Dean, Moses Foot, Thomas R Gold, Sewal Hopkins, Michael Myers, Jonas Platt, Jedediah Sanger, John Sergeant, Timothy Tuttle and Samuel Wells the Trustees named in the said application and their successors might be a Body corporate and politic by the name and Style of The Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy in the Town and County aforesaid now know ye that we the said Regents having inquired into the allegations contained in the Instrument in writing aforesaid and found the same to be true and conceiving the said Academy calculated for the promotion of Literature. Do by these presents pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided signify our approbation of the incorporation of the said Alexander Hamilton, John Lansing, Egbert Benson, Dan Bradley, Eli Bristall, Erastus Clark, James Dean, Moses Foot, Thomas R Gold, Sewal Hopkins, Michael Myers, Jonas Platt, Jedediah Sanger, John Sergeant, Timothy Tuttle and Samuel Wells the Trustees of the said Academy so as aforesaid names by the Founders thereof by the name of the Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy, being the name mentioned in and by the said request in writing [ruling?]. In Testimony whereof we have caused our common Seal to be hereunto affixed the thirty first day of January in the Seventeenth Year of American Independence. Witness George Clinton Esquire

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[Signed by] GW Clinton, Chancellor