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#### THE FIRST FREE SCHOLAR.

At this meeting Peter James Bowry was admitted as the first free scholar. The father of this boy, who had been a master mariner, was dead.

The school was continued under the direction of Mr. Jennison during the year, Rev. Roger Viets being appointed preceptor and assistant to the rector of Trinity on November 25, 1806, taking charge of the school June 24, 1807. The Board made up their accounts from the commencement to January 22, 1807, when a deficit of £205 15s. 5d. was reported, and a petition sent to the Legislature asking for an additional grant to relieve the Board from its indebtedness. The Legislature of 1807 granted £100 additional to the school for this purpose. Soon after Mr. Viets' appointment as preceptor he dismissed the school in order that he might observe one of the fast days of the Church of England. This action was discussed at a meeting of the Board held on July 3, 1807, and five fast days which should be observed by the school in each year specified. This action on the part of the Board was protested against by Rev. Dr. Byles, who entered his protest in the clerk's minutes, which entry, at its next meeting on October 14, the Board ordered to be expunged.

The school appears to have had a hard struggle for life in its early days, as, on July 3, 1808, it was reported "that £100 were due Mr. Horsfield, and £50 in other debts besides," and that "there was no fence around the lot." The Legislature was again appealed to and a grant of £170 given to pay the debts of the Directors. Mr. Horsfield was paid the amount due him, and in lieu thereof gave an absolute deed of the property to the Directors. This conveyance is dated August 1st, 1808, and is in the form of a Perpetual Lease.

#### THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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