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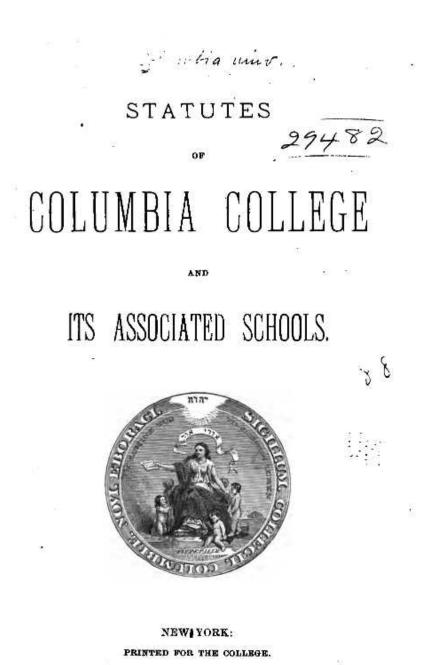
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#### COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THE establishment of a college in the city of New York was many years in agitation before the design was carried into effect. At length, under an act of Assembly passed in December, 1746, and other similar acts which followed, moneys were raised by public lottery "for the encouragement of learning and towards the founding a coll-ge" within the colony. These moneys were, in November, 1751, vested in trustees; of whom, ten in number, seven were members of the Church of England, and some of these seven were also vestrymen of Trinity Church.

These circumstances, together with the liberal grant of land to the college by Trinity Church, excited apprehensions of a design to introduce a church-establishment within the province, and caused violent opposition to the plan, as soon as it became known, of obtaining a royal charter for the college.

This opposition, however, being at last in a great measure surmounted, the trustees, in November, 1753, invited Dr. Samuel Johnson, of Connecticut, to be President of the intended college. Dr. Johnson consequently removed to New York in the month of April following, and in July, 1754, commenced the instruction of a class of students in a room of the school-house belonging to Trinity Church; but he would not absolutely accept of the Presidency until after the passing of the charter. This took place on the 31st of October in the same year, 1754; from which period the existence of the college is properly to be dated. The governors of the college, named in the charter, are the archbishop