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Letter to Thomas Maurice (1754-1824)

Thomas Maurice (1754-1824) matriculated from St. John's College in 1774. He transferred to University College in 1775, from where he took his B.A. in 1778 and his M.A. in 1808.

While at Oxford in 1779, Maurice published a translation of Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus*, for which Samuel Johnson was persuaded to write a preface. He was later curate of Woodford, Essex, then Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum from 1798, before becoming Vicar of Cudham, Kent in 1804. More on his life can be found in his entry in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. Maurice himself writes some interesting reminiscences of his time at University College in *Memoirs of the Author of Indian Antiquities* (2 vols, London, 1819-20).

This letter to Maurice, written while he was still at University College, was given to the College in 1994.

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Letter to Thomas Maurice from William Walker, concerning Maurice's translation of Sophocles (see above). Walker offers advice on when to publish it, and sends news of his attempts to get subscriptions at Chichester (from where he is writing).

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