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Remarks On The Life and Writings Of Dr. Jonathan Swift, Dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin

Orrery, John Boyle of

London, 1752

His admission ad eundem at Hart-Hall in Oxford.

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be admitted *ad eundem*, he was obliged to carry with him the *Testimonium* of his Degree.

The expression *speciali gratiâ* is so peculiar to the University of *Dublin*, that when Mr. SWIFT exhibited his Testimonial at *Oxford*, the members of the *English* University concluded, that the words *speciali gratiâ* must signify a degree conferred in reward of extraordinary diligence, or learning. You may imagine, he did not try to undeceive them. He was immediately admitted *ad eundem*, and chose to enter himself of *Hart Hall*, now *Hartford College*, where he constantly resided (some visits to his mother at *Leicester*, and to Sir WILLIAM TEMPLE at *Moore Park* excepted) till he took his degree as Master of Arts, which, if I remember rightly, was in the year ninety one.

Having attended my friend SWIFT thus far in his road of life, let me rest a little before I proceed farther with him in the journey, and let me desire you to keep this letter, as I intend that it shall be followed hereafter by others of the same sort, and relating to the same person.

I am, my dearest HAMILTON,

your affectionate Father,

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