

Resolutions 1699 when I come to be old

- [1] Not to marry a young Woman.
- [2] Not to keep young Company unless they reely desire it.
- [3] Not to be peevish, or morose, or suspicious
- [4] Not to scorn present Ways, or Wits, or Fashions, or Men, or War, &c.
- [5] Not to be fond of Children, ~~or lett them come near me hardly~~
- [6] Not to tell the same story over & over to th[e] same People.
- [7] Not to be covetous.
- [8] Not to neglect decency, or cleenlyness, for fear of falling into Nastyness.
- [9] Not to be over severe with young People, but give Allowances for their youthfull follyes, and Weaknesses
- [10] Not to be influenced by, or give ear to knavish tatling Servants, or others.
- [11] Not to be too free of advise, nor trouble any but those that desire it.
- [12] To desire some good Frends to inform me w^{ch} of these Resolutions I break, or neglect, & wherein; and reform accordingly.
- [13] Not to talk much, nor of my self.
- [14] Not to boast of my former beauty, or strength, or favor with Ladyes, &c
- [15] Not to hearken to Flatteryes, nor conceive I can be beloved by a young woman. Et eos qui hereditatem captant odisse ac vitare.
- [16] Not to be positive or opiniatre.
- [17] Not to sett up for observing all these Rules; for fear I should observe none.

Resolutions 1699] Endorsed by Swift on verso

[6] th[e]] The article appears simply as a digraph “th”, more like “te”, a form seen repeatedly in the surviving manuscript portion of the *Journal to Stella*.

[11] that] who 1765 [15] hereditatem] herdedetatem MS

[16] opiniatre] opiniative 1765

The *Online.Swift* text of *Resolutions 1699* is not entirely identical with either the *Oxford Authors* text of 1984 (p. 23) or with the one preserved in the Woolley papers now at Münster (consisting of a manuscript draft with notes and a typescript). Compared with the one published in *Swift Studies* (8 [1993], 94-99 [pp. 94-97]), both these versions have to be regarded as preliminary. The Editors have therefore opted to present here, with a few minor variants not affecting the constitution of the text, this more finished, and more authoritative, state of *Resolutions 1699*.