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from the Pinis to TJ, 26 Sept. 1823, noted at Appleton to TJ, 24 Dec. 1823. Other enclosures not found.

The SCULPTOR, AT CARRARA, was Mas-similiano Ravenna. ITERUM: "once again."

¹Preceding three words interlined in FC.

²Preceding three words interlined.

³RC: "opportunities." FC: "opportunities."

⁴FC: "I send."

⁵Word not in FC.

⁶FC: "but it has not been possible to procure any from a better hand."

⁷Remainder of second postscript in FC reads "Sail'd 6. april."

From Joseph C. Cabell

DEAR SIR

City of Washington. April 1. 1824.

My plan was to leave the City to-day, so as to get to¹ Monticello on Saturday. But finding I cannot reach the point I desired in time to do so, I must now defer my departure till Saturday or Sunday, when I expect to set out on my return, and taking the Monday's stage from Fredericksburg, arrive at Monticello on Tuesday. Should I not come myself, you may expect to receive a letter from me. But it is my intention at this time to come: & my object is to endeavor to procure ad interim such a recognition of our claim by the Cabinet as will be satisfactory to the Board of Public Works in Virginia. The President & Mr Wirt are both very friendly & have received me in the kindest manner. Mr Crawford was very decisive in our favor. And all the other members probably are well disposed. When I came here the business was at a stand: An abortive movement had been made by Col: Barbour in the Senate. Such was Mr Mercer's statement, who was under the impression that the Delegation should first have been called together, concert ensued, and an executive recommendation procured before any movement was made in Congress. He advised me to try the Cabinet,² altho' he thought I should not succeed. I had spoken with all the secretaries, except Mr Adams, and had a formal interview with Mr Calhoun at his office, who recognized the justice of the claim, but said that the usage of the Department on the subject of interest could only be changed by an act of Congress. I had commenced a letter to the Secretary of War, at the private instance of Mr Monroe & Mr Wirt.—when the Communication of our Governor, covering an able exposition of our claim by Mr Johnson,³ arrived. A meeting of the Delegation was next had at the instance of Col: Barbour, & he was authorized to bring the subject before the Executive thro' the Department of War. I confess I was surprized at so unexpected a movement: and I still think that when the subject of the appropriation is dis-

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cussed in Congress, this intermediate appeal to the Executive by the Delegation will be of no service with the Delegations of the other states. To prevent any misapprehension of my motives & course, I waited on Col: Barbour, and explained to him my particular views, which were, pending the delays of legislation, to get the Cabinet, if possible, to say that under the existing laws of the U.S. the claim stands on the same footing as would a claim for principal, and that nothing but an act of Congress making the appropriation is necessary. He appeared to be entirely satisfied. I think the Board ought to be satisfied with such a recognition & lend us the Bonus. The steps which I have taken & am taking spring from a desire to promote the views of all the Visitors. If you will adjourn over for one day, perhaps I may be able to bring you the decision of the Cabinet. They will not meet before tomorrow, and I know not how long it will take to make up their decision. I enclose a paper which Col: Monroe requested me to shew you. He says that Percival and Torrey were considered very able men—and Torrey he regards as the best appointment for the chemical chair in our University. He requested me to state to you that he regarded it as all important to get as many of the Professors as possible from this country. He appears to be very friendly to all your views.

If I should not come by the stage on tuesday,⁴ you would oblige me by directing my servant to return home with my Horses, on wednesday morning: and in the interim after his arrival to wait for me at the Tavern in Charlottesville.

My best respects attend M^r Madison & all the Visitors.

I remain, Dear Sir, faithfully yours

JOSEPH C. CABELL

P.S. I have opened my letter to inform you that Col: Barbour of the Senate has just called and indicates every disposition to aid me in the accomplishment of my object. He seems to approve of the ground I have taken, & of the letter, which I now propose to address to the President. This business has engrossed nearly all my time. I hope tomorrow to be able to pay more attention to my private claim.

RC (ViU: TJP-PC); between signature and postscript: “M^r Jefferson”; endorsed by TJ as received 4 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

The enclosed PAPER was probably a List of Applicants to Succeed James Cutbush as Chemistry Professor at the United States Military Academy, [ca. 1 Apr. 1824], which named Jacob Green, late chemistry professor at the College of New Jersey

(later Princeton University); Dr. Arthur L. Porter, of Vermont; Dr. James G. Percival; Dr. James F. Dana, chemistry professor at Dartmouth College; Dr. Franklin Bache; Dr. Gerard Troost; Dr. J. Everett; John Manners; and Dr. John Torrey; including in each case the names of those recommending the candidate (MS in ViU: TJP; in an unidentified hand; undated; at head of text: “Applicants for the situation in the Military Academy vacated by

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the death of Doct^r Cutbush”; docketed; endorsed by TJ: “Torrey John to be professor of Chemistry”).

In Washington in a 2 Apr. 1824 letter to President James Monroe regarding the “unsatisfied balance” due to Virginia by the United States government for expenses incurred during the War of 1812, Cabell wrote that he hoped to receive “satisfactory assurances” from Monroe on the matter so as to persuade the Virginia Board of Public Works to release to the University of Virginia \$50,000 that the state had appropriated out of this anticipated payment for its library and apparatus. Cabell reminded Monroe that Virginia had not yet been reimbursed for the interest owed

on such expenditures, that it had advanced almost \$200,000 to aid the war effort during the winter of 1814–15 alone, and that, “True to herself, and faithful to the Union, the State of Virginia, from the first moment of invasion, put forth her resources with a liberal and unsparing hand” (Dft in ViU: JCC; printed in *ASP, Military Affairs*, 2:695–8; see also editorial note at Cabell to TJ, 29 Dec. 1823).

¹Preceding two words interlined in place of “<reach> arrive at.”

²Preceding two words interlined in place of “this expedient.”

³Preceding three words interlined.

⁴Preceding two words interlined.

From Thomas McKean

SIR,

Philadelphia. April 1st 1824.—

I am preparing the biography of my Father and am anxious to obtain all the information I possibly can, I therefore, will be much oblig'd to you, Sir, for your early recollections respecting him, I take this liberty in consequence of being a descendant of one of the steadfast Patriots of the Revolution, and knowing him to have been a warm friend of y^r Excellency.

I am, your Excellency's Ob^t Serv^t

THO^s M^cKEAN.

RC (MoSHi: TJC-BC); at foot of text: “The Hono^{ble} Tho^s Jefferson”; endorsed by TJ as received 6 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

Thomas McKean (1779–1852), merchant and public official, was a native of Philadelphia and the son of Thomas McKean (1734–1817), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and governor of Pennsylvania. McKean served as his father's private secretary at some point during his governorship, which extended from 1799 to 1808. He was adjutant general of the Pennsylvania militia, 1808–11, and he worked as a merchant in Philadelphia from 1810 to 1818. McKean joined the Hibernian Society in 1803, and he supported the presidential election of John Quincy Adams in 1824. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia (Cor-

nelius McKean, *McKean Genealogies from the early settlement of McKeans or McKeens in America to the present time*, 1902 [1902], 124; *Pennsylvania Archives*, 6th ser. [1907], 4:770–2; James Robinson, *The Philadelphia Directory for 1810* [Philadelphia, (1810)], 183; John Adams Paxton, *The Philadelphia Directory and Register, for 1818* [Philadelphia, (1818)]; John H. Campbell, *History of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and of the Hibernian Society for the Relief of Emigrants from Ireland* [1892], 19, 330, 483; *Baltimore Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser*, 21 Oct. 1824).

No BIOGRAPHY of the elder Thomas McKean by his son seems to have been published.

On this day McKean sent a similar letter to John Adams, who commented in a postscript to his reply, dated Quincy, 26 Apr. 1824, that “Your Father and Cæsar

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Rodney, were among the Patrick Henry's, the Christopher Gadsden's; the Thomas Jefferson's; the Roger Sherman's; the Samuel Adams's; among the last studs; the firmest pillars of the Revolution" (FC in Lb in MHi: Adams Papers).

From Bernard Peyton

DEAR SIR,

Rich^d 1 Ap^l 1824

Agreeable to your standing order, hand herewith statement your quarterly %, to date, which I hope will be found correct & satisfactory. —

I feel sincerely grateful for yours of the 27th:, which reached me last evening: — it disturbs me greatly to occasion you so much trouble, I only wish I had a fit opportunity of testifying my gratitude.

With sincere regard D^r sir Yours very Truly

BERNARD PEYTON

P. S. Since writing the above, your^l Glass, from Boston, has arrived, & shall be ford^d by first Waggon, to Charlottesville, care Raphael —
B.P.

RC (MHi); dateline beneath full signature; addressed: "M^r Jefferson Monticello Charlottesville"; franked; postmarked

Richmond, 1 Apr. Recorded in SJL as received 4 Apr. 1824. Enclosure not found.

¹Manuscript: "you."

To Joel Yancey

DEAR SIR

Mont^o Apr. 1. 24.

The letter which in yours of the 18th you mention to have written to me in the last fall never came to hand, or it would certainly have been answered. age having rendered me entirely unequal to the management of business I have delivered up the whole of my affairs to my grandson Th: J. Randolph. I have delayed therefore answering your favor of the 18th until I could have a consultation with him. he assures me that the whole of the produce of the last year is so disposed of or engaged as to put it out of his power to furnish you the 1000.D. which you wished to recieve this spring. the produce of the present year, and some monies which will become due at the end of the year from the sale of the last winter in Bedford will be the earliest resources he can command. on this subject he will confer with you on his first visit to Bedford. many successive short crops have thrown me behindhand, and^l obliged me to ask indulgencies which give me great pain. I would willingly relieve myself by a sale of property, but the general outcry of

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the scarcity of money renders it impossible to sell but at a half or third value, which is in fact² doubling and trebling one's debts, a very hard case. as to myself however I trust that I shall not need long to ask indulgencies. I pray you to accept assurances of my great esteem & respect.

TH:J.

Dft (MHi); on verso of reused address cover of John C. Calhoun to TJ, 2 June 1823; endorsed by TJ as a letter to "Yancey Joel."

¹Manuscript: "and <rendered> and."

²Preceding two words interlined.

From Thomas Newport

Near Lebanon Warren Co—O.

2. of ap 1824—~~2~~—

DEAR SIR, &. BROTHER,

You will please to let me address you, in all the simplicity of Republican Christianity, my communication will probably be missellaneous—

I was born the 6th of Dec—1759—in the state of Maryland, or provence, at that time, but long since determined to be in the state of Delaware. My religious convictions commenced as far as I am conscious of them, when about 6-years of age, &, the crime was fighting &, whipping my Brother, this seems to have been the foundation of the pacific¹ principles I have held, nearly all thro' life—My religious theory to the best of my knowledge, commenced at about my 7th year in hearing preaching in the Ch— of England then so call'd, I found a repugnance, to three persons in the Godhead, some time after at the Doctrines of Faith—alone, Religion to me appears a simple thing, to believe in the True God, shun evil &, do good, because this is like God—This seem'd the foundation of my present theory, in my own mind.—When about 14 I became sensible, I must be radically changed as to disposition, my convictions were pungent—at about 17—I experienc'd peace of mind—[My Education had been, between the Epis— Church and quaker, Mother prevail'd &. I was baptised.] I found at this time a great struggle in my mind, feeling strong love for my country's liberation from great-Britain (for I was what was then call'd a Whig—but Jesus Christ had forbid the use of the sword, to Peter &. as I was of the same Religion also to me. After the commencement of the war &. soon after my change of mind, Father began to attend the Friend's worship, 11—miles distant—I soon after, for the 1st time went to meeting with him: And concluded I would take my stand in society among that Peaceable people, not at that time knowing any

pacific Christian Society but that, I was as well as my Father &. Mother and of Brothers &. sisters Inicated among them—

The pacific principle was the main inducement to me to become a —quaker,—Let me say this to the praise of² the Lord, and the Lenity of my Country, and its' Officers—I never have been, even craved for a Military or Militia fine, neither did I ever pay one directly or indirectly³ to my knowledge, neither to my knowledge, did I ever lay my finger on the Trigger, or hand on a sword, in imitation of the War tactics, Observation. as I have been thus preserved as an Individual, so I believe a pacific Nathion might be. The preparations made for war in time of Peace, &. some other circumstances are ominous of war, &. rather provacatives to hostilities than preventives.—

After the first combat was over with Great. Britain (almost immediately) I took a handsome quaker girl to wife long since dead, left me with 4—Children—I married again—five Living Children by her, 7. of my Children married, have 23—living Grandchildren. My wife⁴ is healthy, one year, allmost, younger than myself—a very zealous member of the New Jerusalem Church, and well read in the Doctrines—I am Pastor of a small society of that order—19—members & of a Branch of 20—near Jeffersonville Indiana—All my services of every discription, is free to the different societies I serve, altho' Poor, (I am a Farmer) possessing $97\frac{5}{8}$ of land, fifty 5, under cultivation. A Comfortable little frame house a good orchard, some excellent fruit—We now have Pear mounts to eat, (oh! how I should love to share one or more with you,) but I hope we shall meet in the Heavens, if it be of use, that we should, for that is a kingdom of use.) seven of our Children have procured good Land in this fertile country—all who are maried; we have much pleasure in our Children—altho' the eldest is deaf—he gives us the most concern—he being deprived of the main way obtaining knowledge, O Lord! bless the Asylums for the Deaf and Dumb. Some years ago, we had a prospect of one at Cincinnati. This is the age of Wonders—Or the Second Advent of the Lord. “He that runs” (now) “may read.”

New Jerusalem.

After I had had, several years of sweet peace in Religion, but by one means or other too tedious to relate in a letter—As I had been much inclined to the contemplation of different subjects—particularly⁵ Philosophic both Natural and Moral, &. particularly the latter—in relation to the mind—I became very sckepctical in relation to many things—some years pass'd in my Investigations—some times the purterbations were very great and thought, or fear'd I should become an Infidel of some discription—but expected not of the Immoral kind. However in

my Investigations—I thought I had obtain'd some fundamental principles which could not be shaken, and I was determined to endeavour to Erect a system for myself; I had no expectation of being the founder of any sect. In this situation, as nigh, as I can convey to you in a few words, I was when I began to read E— Swedenborg in February 1798—I then lived in Brownville Penn^a [Fayette Co.] The first line, I saw, over the shoulder of Cap. Lang, made a Convert of me, to the Doctrine of the Lord, the line reads thus. “That the Lord is the God of Heavn.” In or abroad a little way from home—I went home like a new man—after sketching the Treatie on H— & Hell—for perhaps 20—or 30—minutes—but my mind was not express'd for some days (if I recollect aright—) neither did I know at that time, that any person in America believ'd those Doctrines.—I have lived to feel the salutary influence of them on my own mind, and observe the same on my wife's, &, we are still indeavouring to bring them in to Ultimates—or into our Conduct,—&, also a Considerable progress has been made, in the Establishment of small societies in a No— of the States in the Union—and a few are pretty respectable, particularly⁶ Phi^a N. York—Baltimore, Cincinnati—and Boston,—but in that Ch— some schism has appear'd—I have a hope it will be heal'd,—we may expect in this probationary state, trials—but they are all overrul'd, by an allwise and merciful Providence. Opposites are necessary for Equilibrium, and purification, this M^r Jefferson is as well aware of, I presume, as almost any Citizen. Besides those larger societies—there are, perhaps, nearly 30—smaller ones Organized in different places in the U. States—to my Certain knowledge,—and there are 4—approved preachers in the state of N. york—3—in Penn^a all in &, about Phi^a 5. in ohio, one in Baltimore M.d. one in Virginia (but too infirm to go out) one in Main,—But what is thus openly known, by Establishments, bear but very little proportion to what, is done &, doing, in this country, and Europe in ways not so visible or professionally, for the New Jerusalem Ch— or Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ! I mean what is doing in the Numerous Philanthropic Institutions, now in active operation in our beloved America, both in these U. States &, south america, but all over Europe, in some Degree, and affecting nearly all parts of our Globe in some measure, &. if I am not mistaken, the whole Universe of Earths or worlds—but also the spiritual spheres or worlds, in the Universe, as GOD is one, so his Name is one, or the Humanity, thro' out all Creation, so far as a primeval state has continued, or by Revelation from God, Reformation [of the Understanding] &. Re-generation [of the will] has been Effected. Without which none can be saved, see god, or enter the Angelic Heaven. This is agreeable to

the gospel by John—we “must be born of Water [truth] and of the Spirit” [Love & Charity imbracing good works, or containing them.]⁷

Dear sir &, Brother, it is a fact that the Heavenly Doctrine of the Lord,

is prevailing among many professors not call'd by the Name of the N. Jerusalem, but by even old names as of Pres^{by}—Episcopaleans, both of the Protestant and Methodist kinds—And the Baptists are not behind in N^{os} acknowledging the Supreme Divinity of Jesus—that is to say, that Jehovah &, Jesus are one person, &, not as in the beginning of our time, and from the Counsels in the forepart of the 4th Century, that altho' GOD was one Essence, he existed in three persons—but that all the Divine Principles dwell in the Humanity of our glorified Lord JESUS Christ!

I say that many of those above mentioned, in America, &, Europe, but also of the quakers &, New Lights of this part, have a strong pre-lection to the N, Jerusalem Doctrine, altho' some are perhaps unwilling to acknowledge relationship—but I own them wherever I find them &, endeavor to instruct them further, if I can in the Principles, where there appears an inclination, whether I find such a person among the great or the little, or of any Colour—It is indubitable to me, that the Bible societies, of which I think, probably, there are 4,000 of one discription or other in the world, &, of the Peace of which I think, there are about 50—or some more in the U,States, &, a good No. in England, some in scotland, &, in France a society exists very favorabl[e]⁸ to the pacific principles of our P. Societies—I have observ'd your name on the Penn^a as well as the Massachusetts—as an Honorary Member of P. Society. On those constitutions, transmitted our society, if my recollection is correct A thought struck me, that our cause would hardly ever be graced with the name of our present Chief Magestrate—I have uniformly thought, M^r Munroe, placed to much confidence in the Navy &^c &, if I was not careless in reading his last, if not prior message to Congress—he omitted the Name of God, Lord or the like, even I believe Providence; I pray the Lord not to forget him in his mercy—but prepare him for Immortal bliss in the N. Angelic Heaven.

I should be much gratified, if we could have our officers in general, Men “full of wisdom &, the fear of god,” E. Swedenborg on Excle-siastic &, Civil government. Heavenly Doctrine of the New Jerusalem No—213—

I in common with the Citizens have some anxiety in relation to our next President; my choice would be M^r De Witt Clinton, from what I know at present; 2nd Choice M^r Adams—However I cheerfully leave it

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to the providence of God, &, our Enlightned Republic. May GOD preserve it to the latest generations, &, give us more and more—Science, Intelligenc Wisdom. But above all Love & Charity! Love to the Lord, &, Charity to men &, Nations of the Earth! I have long enjoyed a very extensive Charity towards mankind, but still encreases. The Honorable T^{hos} R— Ross our Representative, forwarded to me a few days since, the Memorial in behalf of the Missionary society—Oh! how I love to hear of the Amelioration of Heathens, but not their Extirpation. This as well as many other schemes seems to be attendants on the appearance of the great god our Saviour.

Their Honors M^r John M^{clean}, and M^r John Alexander as well as his Excellency M^r Monroe,⁹ &. by other means I have been lead to believe, you are not a stranger to the writings of E, Swedenborg—I apprehend congress is in possession of them, by purchase from you, after the burning of the capitol. Indeed it has been represented to me by other persons, that you had a favourable opinion of the Docns: which I should not think [. . .]¹⁰ of.

The cause of Peace among the Nations, I hope will finally prevail; something has been done, much remains to do.—I intend to fill my little sphere as fully as I can.—For many years at times (perhaps 10, or 15—) I have had thoughts of addressing a line to you; I have now many correspondents, on the 3—subjects on which I have principally dwelt—N. Jerusalem, Peace and on the Bible,—&, in those Causes I have 150—Correspondents:—in the term some more than 6—years, I have written &, recd 1,283—written communications—and very many pamphlets, have gone thro’ my hands—perhaps I may forward you a Copy of our last peace Report.—It would please me much, if you would be so affectionate and condesending, as to drop me a line, M^r M^{clean} told me before he removed to the City of Washington [2. or 3—years ago,] you would certainly answer my letter. I thought this morning before I arose from my bed, I would make an Essay—We are both old. I Pray the Lord to bless us, and all men

I am most affectionately yours—

T^{hos} NEWPORT, Cor, secy. O,P,S,
And ASSOCIATION N. CHURCH—

PS M^r Jefferson will excuse my rough letter, no time to Transcribe.

RC (MHi); brackets and ellipsis in original; addressed: “Honorable T^{hos} Jefferson Montecello Virginia” with Newport’s notation: “Mail Single sheet”; franked; postmarked Lebanon, Ohio, 5 Apr.; endorsed by TJ as a letter from “Clinch N.”

received 18 Apr. 1824, with additional bracketed notation: “trash. not read,” and so recorded in SJL.

Thomas Newport (ca. 1759–1841), was born in Delaware. He was raised as a

Quaker and lived by 1786 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Newport converted to Swedenborgianism in 1790 and joined an Ohio branch of the Church of the New Jerusalem. He was running a school in Lebanon by 1805, started his own society of the church in 1812, led the creation of the Turtle Creek Society in 1817, and was ordained into the priesthood the following year. Newport also organized the first annual meeting of the Western Association of the New Jerusalem Church in Lebanon. At his death in Lebanon, his personal estate was worth less than \$110 (Records of Duck Creek Quaker Monthly Meeting, Kent Co., Del. [PSC-Hi]; Pa. Septennial Census, Fayette Co., 1786 [PHarH-Ar: RG 7]; Carl Theophilus Odhner, *Annals of the New Church* [1904]; *The History of Warren County, Ohio* [1882], 261; Warren Co. Will Book, 9:161–2).

JESUS CHRIST HAD FORBID THE USE OF THE SWORD in the Bible, John 18.11: “Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath.” “HE THAT RUNS” (NOW) “MAY READ” is a variant of another biblical quotation: “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it” (Habakkuk 2.2). Emanuel Swedenborg stated that THE LORD IS THE GOD OF HEAVN in *A Treatise concerning Heaven and Hell, and of the Wonderful Things therein* (2d ed.; London, 1784), 359. WE MUST BE BORN OF WATER [TRUTH] AND OF THE SPIRIT is from the Bible, John 3.5.

TJ was an HONORARY MEMBER of the Massachusetts Peace Society and the

Pennsylvania Peace Society (TJ to Noah Worcester, 26 Nov. 1817; Philadelphia *Poulson’s American Daily Advertiser*, 24 Dec. 1822). President James Monroe’s last annual message at the opening of the United States Congress and the one PRIOR to that took place on 2 Dec. 1823 and 3 Dec. 1822, respectively (*JHR*, 17:10–23, 16:8–18). Neither one invokes the deity.

Swedenborg stated that “governors should be persons skilled in the knowledge of the laws,” men FULL OF WISDOM and THE FEAR OF GOD (*The Heavenly Doctrine of the New Jerusalem, as Revealed from Heaven. Translated from the Latin of the Hon. Emanuel Swedenborg* [4th ed.; Bradford, England, 1792], 122). In 1815 TJ sold the Library of Congress only one work from Swedenborg’s voluminous WRITINGS, French and English translations of his 1769 *De Commercio Animæ & Corporis*, a discussion of the interaction between the soul and the body (Sowerby, nos. 1365, 1545).

o,p,s,: Ohio Peace Society.

¹Manuscript: “pecific.”

²Manuscript: “of of.”

³Manuscript: “indiretly.”

⁴Manuscript: “wif.”

⁵Manuscript: “partiuarly.”

⁶Manuscript: “partiuarly.”

⁷Omitted closing bracket editorially supplied.

⁸Edge trimmed.

⁹Manuscript: “Monore.”

¹⁰Word illegible.

To John Griscom

Mont^o Apr. 3. 24

I thank you, dear Sir, for the kindness of¹ your favor of Mar. 24. it exactly answers the purpose I had in view: giving a sufficient idea of the articles requisite for our chemical school² enabling us to judge of the sum to be set apart for their purchase. I return you at the same time the prospectus of your proposed magazine to which I have subscribed³ with pleasure.⁴ and with my thanks I pray you to accept the assurances of my high esteem and respect.

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Dft (DLC); on verso of reused address cover of Henry A. S. Dearborn to TJ, 29 Nov. 1821; beneath closing: “mr Griscom”; endorsed by TJ. Enclosure: enclosure to Griscom to TJ, 10 Mar. 1824.

¹Preceding three words interlined.

²Preceding four words interlined in place of “and.”

³Reworked from “I subscribe.”

⁴Sentence added at foot of text, with caret mistakenly placed in front of the period at the end of the preceding sentence.

To Thomas Leiper

Mont^o Apr. 3. 24.

I am really done, my friend, with Politics, notwithstg the doubts you express in your favor of Mar. 16. there is a time for every thing, for acting in this world, and for getting ready to leave it.¹ the last is now come upon me. you, I hope, will hold out as long as you can, because what you do, I know will always be done for the good of our fellow-men. with respect to the European combinns against the rights of man I join an honest Irishman of my nbhood in his 4th of July toast ‘the Holy alliance, to Hell the whole of them.’

In the Presidential election I am entirely passive. the pretended letter of mine to which you allude is a faithless² travestie of what I really wrote. that was addressed to a friend, who had sollicitated my thoughts on the subject. it³ expressed no preference of any and in terms which could give offence to none. he incautiously read the letter to a zealous⁴ partisan, who published it from memory and⁵ with perversions of terms adapted to his own wishes. I am truly sorry to see the foolish and wicked paragraph from a Richmond paper which you inclosed me. the frdly dispositions which have so long prevailed between Pensva & Virga and which have been so salutary to republican principles and govmt are not I hope to be ruffled by a paper recently⁶ set up, and which if conducted in the spirit of that [pa]ragraph will⁷ as certainly be soon put down. these states happen at present⁸ to differ in the object of their choice. both favorites are republican, both will administer the govmt honestly, which with the most wisdom each state has a right to hope for itself. but such a difference, between thinking and rational men should excite no more feeling⁹ than a difference of faces; and seeing, as I do, the permanence of our union hanging on the harmony of Pensv^a & Virga, I hope that will continue as long as our govmt continues to be a blessing to mankind. to yourself long life, long health & prosperity.

TH:J.

Dft (DLC); on verso of reused address cover to TJ; edge trimmed; at foot of text: “Thomas Lieper”; endorsed by TJ.

¹Preceding three words interlined in place of “for the next.”

²Word interlined in place of “base.”

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³Preceding seven words interlined in place of “asked my opinion, was.”

⁴Word interlined.

⁵Preceding three words interlined.

⁶Word interlined in place of “lately.”

⁷Reworked from “in that line will.”

⁸Preceding two words interlined.

⁹Word interlined in place of “passion.”

To Granville Sharp Pattison

Mont^o Apr. 3. 24.

I thank you, dear¹ Sir, for the kindness with which you have been so good as to attend to my request of Mar. 12. the general view you give me, presents the difficulties we are likely² to encounter in obtaining what may be proper and useful in our medical school and the caution necessary to be observed in their acquisition. I infer that it will be best to set out with a few of the most necessary articles and trust to experience and time for adding to them. with my thanks for your kindness be pleased to accept the assurance of my great respect & esteem

TH:J

Dft (DLC); on verso of reused address cover of Jefferson S. Myer to TJ, 6 Dec. 1821; at foot of text: “Doctor Granv. Sharp Pattison”; endorsed by TJ.

¹Word interlined.

²Preceding two words interlined in place of “may have.”

To Philip S. Physick

[3 Apr. 1824]

I thank you, dear Sir, for the information you have been so kind as to give me in your favor of Mar. 24. it gives us the general view we wished¹ of the articles which may be requisite for our Anatom. school² and shews the caution to be observed³ in acquiring them, and to avoid imposition. besides the expence in the first purchase of such a collection as D^r Horner has been so good as to describe, and that of their package I presume the risk of destruction on their passage⁴ must be very great. I see therefore that we must proceed⁵ gradatim and with great caution.⁶ with my thanks be pleased to accept the assurance of my friendly esteem & respect

TH:J.

Dft (DLC: TJ Papers, 226:40393); on verso of reused address cover of Mathew Carey to TJ, 1 Dec. 1821; undated; at foot of text: “D^r Physic”; endorsed by TJ as a letter of 3 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

¹Preceding two words interlined.

²Preceding four words interlined.

³Reworked from “caution which we must observe.”

⁴Reworked from “of their destruction.”

⁵TJ here canceled “by degrees.”

⁶Omitted period at right margin editorially supplied.

GRADATIM: “step by step, gradually” (*OED*).

To Edward Livingston

DEAR SIR

Monticello Apr. 4. 24.

It was with great pleasure I learnt that the good people of N. Orleans had restored you again to the councils of our country. I did not doubt the aid it would bring to the remains of our old school in Congress, in which your early labors had been so useful. you will find I suppose, on revisiting our maritime states, the names of things more changed than the things themselves. that tho' our old opponents have given up their appellation, they have not, in assuming ours, abandoned their object,¹ and are now as strong nearly² as they ever were. these however are no longer my cares. I resign myself cheerfully to the managers of the ship, & the more contentedly as I am near the end of my voyage. I have learnt to be less confident in the conclusions of human reason, and give more credit to the honesty of contrary opinions. the Radical idea of the character of the constitution of our government which I have adopted as a key³ in cases of doubtful construction is that the whole field of government is divided into two Departments, Domestic and Foreign, (the states, in their mutual relations, being of the latter) that the former department is reserved exclusively to the respective states, within their own limits, and the latter assigned to a separate set of functionaries, constituting what may be called the Foreign branch, which, instead of a federal basis, is established as a distinct government quoad hoc, acting, as the domestic branch does,⁴ on the citizens directly and coercively. that these departments have distinct Directories, coordinate, and equally independant and supreme, each within it's own sphere of action.⁵ whenever a doubt arises to which of these branches a power belongs, I try it by this test. I recollect no cases⁶ where a question simply between citizens of the same state has been transferred to the foreign department except⁷ that of inhibiting tenders but of metallic money,⁸ and ex post facto legislation. the causes of these singularities are⁹ well remembered.

I thank you for the copy of your speech on the question of national improvement, which I have read with great pleasure, and recognise in it those powers of reasoning and persuasion, of which I had formerly seen from you so many proofs. yet, in candor, I must say it has not removed, in my mind, all the difficulties of the question. and I should really be alarmed at a difference of opinion with you, and suspicious of my own, were it not that I have, as companions in sentiment, the Madisons, the Monroes, the Randolphs, the Macons, all good men and true, of primitive principles. in one sentiment of the speech I particularly concur. 'if we have a doubt relative to any power,

we ought not to exercise it.’ when we consider the extensive and deep seated opposition to this assumption, the conviction entertained by so many that this deduction of powers by elaborate construction prostrates the rights reserved to the states, the difficulties with which it will rub along in the course of it’s exercise, that changes of majorities will be changing the system backwards and forwards, so that no undertaking under it will be safe,¹⁰ that there is not a state in the Union which would not give the power willingly, by way of Amendment, with some little guard perhaps against abuse, I cannot but think it would be the wisest course to ask an express¹¹ grant of the power. a government held together by the bands of reason only, requires much compromise of opinion, that things even salutary should not be crammed down the throats of dissenting brethren, especially when they may be put into a form to be willingly swallowed, and that a great deal of indulgence is necessary to strengthen habits of harmony and fraternity. in such a case it seems to me it would be safer and wiser to ask an express grant of the power. this would render it’s exercise smooth and acceptable to all, and ensure to it all the facilities which the states could contribute. to prevent that kind of abuse which all will fear, because all know it is so much¹² practised in public bodies, I mean the bartering of votes, it would reconcile every one, if limited by the proviso that the federal proportion of every state should be expended within the state. with this single security, against partiality and corrupt bargaining, I suppose there is not a state, perhaps not a man in the Union, who would not consent to add this to the powers of the General government.—but age has weaned me from questions of this kind. my delight is now in the passive occupation of reading; and it is with great reluctance I permit my mind ever to encounter subjects of difficult investigation. you have many years yet of vigorous activity, and I confidently trust they will be employed in cherishing every measure which may foster our brotherly union, and perpetuate a constitution of government destined to be the primitive¹³ model of what is to change the condition of man over the globe. with this confidence equally strong in your powers and purposes, I pray you to accept the assurance of my cordial esteem and respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (NjP: Livingston Papers). Dft (DLC); at foot of first page: “Edward Livingston.”

GOOD MEN AND TRUE is from William Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing*, act 3, scene 3.

¹Dft: “views.”

²Word interlined in Dft.

³Word interlined in Dft in place of “guide.”

⁴Preceding five words interlined in Dft.

⁵Preceding three words interlined in Dft in place of “department.”

⁶Preceding four words interlined in Dft in place of “I know of but one instance.”

⁷Word interlined in Dft in place of “which is.”

⁸Remainder of sentence interlined in Dft, with “the violation” canceled after “and.”

⁹Sentence to this point in Dft reworked from “the cause of this singularity is.”

¹⁰Preceding nine words interlined in Dft.

¹¹TJ here canceled “amendment.”

¹²Preceding two words interlined in Dft.

¹³Dft here adds “and precious.”

Arthur S. Brockenbrough’s Estimate of University of Virginia Rotunda Costs

An Estimate of the cost of the Rotunda as far as the contracts that have been made towards the completion of it go—

Am ^t Paid for Materials for the brickwork	\$6905.47	
" p ^d to Thorn & Chamberlain for the work	2856.25	9.761.72.
" To complete the brick work of the Library ¹ & Terras say		1.000.00
Am ^t Contract with G. Raggi for 10 Bases & 2 Pilaster bases	715.00	
Cost of Capitels in Italy say	7000.00	
Transportation, duty &c on the same & bases	2450.00	10.165.00
p ^d for Stone Window & doorsills to complete the stone steps on the back ² & Terras stonework	1200.00	1.455.00
paid for Materials principally Lumber & iron which nearly pays for all the Lumber		6.165.00
For Tin & Copper for the roof of Dome & Portico		2.000.00
Glass & Glazing including the skylight	500.00	
		\$31.046.72

Nails, hard ware, painting & Workmans bills will
not I presume exceed the balance of the \$41.000
respectfully submitted by your obt ser^t

A. S BROCKENBROUGH P—
April 5. 1824

MS (ViU: TJP-PP); in Brockenbrough’s hand; endorsed by TJ: “Rotunda. A. S. Brockenbro’s estimate.”

P—: “Proctor.”

¹Manuscript: “Lbrary.”

²Preceding three words interlined.

John Finch's Account of a Visit to Monticello

[before 5 Apr. 1824]

THE Ex-President accompanied me two miles on my route, and I now directed my course to Monticello, the seat of Mr. Jefferson. I came to the banks of the Rivanna, and passed over in a boat to the opposite shore. Advancing towards the mansion, I was struck with the appearance of the negro huts; which, as in all Virginia estates, are placed at a small distance from the residence of the proprietor.

The ravines on the side of the hill were covered by the *Ulex Europæus*, or prickly gorse, which Mr. Jefferson had been at the trouble of importing from England. I recognized it as an old acquaintance. By its dark green leaves and bright yellow flowers, it concealed the ravages which the torrents had made.

Monticello is situated upon one of the south-west mountains, and commands an extensive view. From the lofty mountaintop, you see the Rivanna pursuing its peaceful, meandering course, and again concealed from view by the trees which overshadow its bank. At the distance of a few miles, it nearly encircles the tumuli of some ancient Indian chieftains—the immense forests—the cultivated plains—the Blue Mountains which bound the horizon—Charlottesville—the university reared under the auspices of Mr. Jefferson.

In the centre of the house is a hall, adorned with a museum, containing the bones of a mastodon, a collection of fossil shells, Indian trophies, and various curiosities. The drawing-room is an octagon, and has glass folding-doors, which lead on one side into the hall, on the other to the garden and shrubberies. The walls are covered with paintings. I was delighted to see the pictures of Locke, Bacon, Newton; of the discoverers of America—Columbus, Americus, Cabot, and Sir Walter Raleigh; also portraits of the Presidents of the United States. Besides these, there were several paintings of the Flemish and Italian schools.

I was shewn by the servant into the drawing-room, and waited with some anxiety for the moment when I should see Mr. Jefferson. In a few minutes he came, welcomed me to Monticello, and began to converse with as much ease as if we had been acquainted for years. Mr. Jefferson was at this time nearly eighty years of age, tall, slender, and stooped very slightly; he retained all the vivacity of a much younger period of life. The pictures of Mr. Jefferson as President do not give a correct idea of his countenance. The profile by Stuart, and the likeness

by Colonel Trumbull, in the picture of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, are the most correct. It would be impossible to paint the genius and fire which appeared in the expression of his eyes.

Mr. Jefferson's favorite topic of conversation was the University; on my expressing a wish to see it, Mr. Jefferson said he would give me a distant view of it. He led the way to a terrace in the garden, and pointed out the buildings, which made a prominent figure in the landscape.

But at this time I scarce paid any attention to the scene at a distance, I was so engaged in listening to every word Mr. Jefferson spoke, and watching the expression of his countenance. I was standing by the side of the philosopher and statesman, whose name is for ever enrolled in the page of his country's history; who had written and signed the Declaration of Independence of the United States of North America. I was conversing with an individual upon whom his country had conferred all the honors she had to bestow. Mr. Jefferson had been successively Representative, Senator, and Governor of Virginia; Ambassador to France; Secretary of State; Vice-President, and President of the United States; the friend of Washington, of La Fayette, and the heroes who achieved the liberty of America.

On returning to the drawing-room, we had a conversation which continued three hours, and the following were some of the sentiments Mr. Jefferson expressed:—

“Bonaparte was a man of great talents, but totally without principle, except that of self-aggrandisement. When in France, I traced every large river from its mouth to its source; I was thus certain of seeing the most fertile land. I was on foot, and visited the farms to see the agriculture of the country; the farmers were very civil, and answered my questions with great readiness. The laborers in France consume very little animal food.

“I walked along the canal of Languedoc, having hired a boat to carry my baggage. I experienced no difficulty except at the taverns, which were generally filled with a low description of persons. In England I obtained a list of the principal gardens within one hundred miles of London, and made a tour to visit them. I called at many farm-houses, but the farmers were not so conversable as those in France.

“At Nismes, I spent several hours a day, for three weeks, examining the Temple, and sent the plan to Virginia; the State House at Richmond is built after this model.

“I was acquainted with Condorcet, Mirabeau, and several members of the National Convention. I often dined with the Count de Buffon, who talked without ceasing, but with great eloquence, on subjects connected with natural history.

“I played with Dr. Franklin at chess, and was equal to him at the game.

“Kosciusko came to America in 1798, to arrange some accounts with Congress. He kept his room six months, and gave as a reason, that the Empress of Russia would have him assassinated if she knew where he was.

“The old Virginian Assembly was the most dignified body of men ever assembled to legislate.

“Henry spoke wonderfully—call it oratory or what you please, but I never heard any thing like it. He had more command over the passions than any man I ever knew; I heard all the celebrated orators of the National Assembly of France, but there was none equal to Patrick Henry. It was his profound knowledge of human nature, and his manner of speaking, more than the matter of his orations. After listening with the utmost attention, I sometimes endeavoured to recollect what he had been saying, but never could succeed.

“The negroes are better fed than the agricultural laborers on the continent of Europe. They appear to be a different race of people to the whites. Any planter who treated his negroes cruelly would be shunned by his neighbors. The plan of sending the negroes to Africa will not succeed; they should go to St. Domingo; they would be gladly received, and they might all be exported.

“The black children should be set free the moment they are born. A black child is worth five pounds sterling, and there is no planter but would give that sum to get rid of the nuisance. The children should be kept by their parents till they were ten years of age, and then sent off.

“Some members of the old Congress opposed the separation from Great Britain in the most strenuous manner; but when it was passed, they supported the measure with unanimity.

“Rhode Island is the smallest but boldest State in the Union. She sometimes opposes all the other States, without regarding the size of her territory.

“Franklin never spoke in Congress more than five minutes at a time; then he related some anecdote which applied to the subject before the House.

“The States are sovereign for domestic purposes, they are allied for foreign relations.

“Nature makes men Whigs or Tories, Federalists or Democrats. Those who are strong and fearless by nature are never afraid of their fellow-men, and take the side of the people. Those who have weak constitutions are always nervous and timid, and advocate the cause of government.

“No one can have any idea of the strength of party feeling, unless they had seen America in 1798.

“We are various by station, but equally men.”

Mr. Jefferson informed me, he had invited several neighbors to dine with him; the guests arrived, and dinner was announced. Mr. Jefferson led the way and placed himself at one side of the table, and we were invited to sit down without any formality. Mr. Jefferson said, that when he was President, he had a contest about punctilio with an ambassador from Europe. He detested ceremony, and when they came to the usual entertainments, he never took the trouble to ascertain whether France, England, Holland, or Spain, had the seat of honor. One envoy would not visit him, because he had not his proper seat. Mr. Jefferson sent a message inviting him as a gentleman and a friend, but even this language could not soften the obduracy of his etiquette.

I was introduced to Governor Randolph and his lady, and their family. Mrs. Randolph was daughter to Mr. Jefferson.

On the following day, Mr. and Mrs. Madison were expected on a visit for a week, and their arrival spread universal joy. I had the pleasure of witnessing the interview between the two Ex-Presidents, who had been friends for half a century. It was the most interesting evening I ever passed; I was in company with two of the most celebrated men of America.

Charlottesville University is one mile from a town of the same name, and has been founded and endowed by the Legislature of Virginia. The State have granted large sums of money for the support of professors, and it has now two hundred students. The buildings were just completed: it is built on an advantageous site.

On the following morning I prepared to depart. Mr. Jefferson urged me to stay, but as I had already passed two days at Monticello, I thought it would be trespassing on hospitality; I therefore took leave, and proceeded towards Richmond.

Printed in Finch, *Travels in the United States of America and Canada, containing Some Account of their Scientific Institutions, and a Few Notices of the Geology and Mineralogy of those Countries* (London, 1833), chapter 34, pp. 250–8, entitled “MONTICELLO.—JEFFERSON.”; undated, with conjectural date based on the Virginia J. Randolph (Trist) letter described below.

THE EX-PRESIDENT: James Madison.
AMERICUS: Amerigo Vespucci. The North Terrace IN THE GARDEN at Monticello

overlooks the University of Virginia and Charlottesville. TJ had served as a REPRESENTATIVE to the Virginia House of Burgesses, but he was not a state SENATOR after independence. The TEMPLE at Nîmes admired by TJ is the Maison Carrée. Maria Feodorovna was EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 1796–1801. CHARLOTTEVILLE UNIVERSITY: the University of Virginia.

On 8 Apr. 1824 Virginia J. Randolph (Trist) wrote Nicholas P. Trist from Monticello that “The meeting of the visitor’s which was to have taken place as soon as the assembly rose, was postponed until the

usual time, the first monday in this month, and is consequently just over. Mrs. Madison accompanied her husband, and we had besides a visit from Mr. Gordon, & a grandson of D^r Priestley's, whose name is Finch. Mr. Finch is making his tour of our country, mostly, on foot, with his wardrobe wrapt in a news paper, of course his visits can not be very long at a gentlemans house, a circumstance which I assure you does not make them less agreeable. As he was heard to articulate no sound that the 'wild man of the woods' could not have been taught to imitate, and as he resembled that species more than the human,

in person and address, I really expected that he was a second edition of 'Sir Oran Haut ton' who figured in Melincourt; but Mr. Madison says that he is a man of some learning, and had even lectured on the subject of Geology in some of the northern towns." She went on to relate that "Charlottesville has been so very gay this Spring that one of the new comers compared it to Washington!!! parties are given every evening" (RC in DLC: NPT). In Thomas Love Peacock's three-volume satirical novel *Melincourt* (London, 1817), the orangutan Sir Oran Haut-ton is elected to Parliament.

Minutes of University of Virginia Board of Visitors

At a meeting of the Visitors of the University of Virginia held at the sd University on Monday¹ the 5th day of April 1824. as prescribed by the Governor of the Commonwealth, present James Madison, Chapman Johnson, John H. Cocke and Thomas Jefferson.

On a view of the Commissions produced, and of a letter from the Governor, dated the 1st day of March last past, it appears that Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Chapman Johnson, Joseph C. Cabell, George Loyall James Breckenridge and John H. Cocke were on the same 1st day of the said month of March, appointed by Governor, with advice of Council, Visitors of the sd University.

The board proceeded to the appointment of a Rector and Thomas Jefferson was appointed. and being of opinion that the other officers of the institution continue in office of course, they deem reappointment unnecessary.

The legislature, at their late session, having released to the University the payment of interest on the sum of 180,000. Dollars advanced by the Literary fund for the accomplishment of it's buildings, with the view that the institution may be brought into operation with as little delay as practicable, the board now proceeds to take such preparatory measures as can be taken at this time, to carry that view into effect.

From accounts and Estimates now rendered by the Bursar and Proctor, it appears that, on the last day of the preceding year 1823. the funds of the University in hand and due of the last loan, and of the arrearages of subscriptions, would be sufficient, when recieved, to pay all debts then existing on any account, and to leave a sum of about

21,000. Dollars applicable to the building of the Rotunda, which with the further sum of 19,370. D $40\frac{1}{2}$ C already paid or provided for, making together the sum of about 40,500.D. applied, or which may be applied, to that edifice, would put it into a state sufficient for use, until other and more pressing objects shall have been accomplished.

They consider the University therefore as having had in hand on the 1st day of this present year 1824. the annuity of this year, clear of all prior claims, as a fund for defraying the current expences of the institution for the present year, for meeting those necessary for procuring Professors, for bringing them into place, for paying any commencements of salaries which may be incurred to the end of the year, and to leave a surplus for contingencies of about 3000. Dollars.

They calculate that in future years, in addition to the annuity of 15,000.D. they may count on the rents of 6. Hotels at 150.D. each, of 100. dormitories at 16.D. each. of 9. others smaller at 12.D. each, and an additional rent from 218. students at 12.D. each, for their participation in the use of the public apartments, making a total income of 20,224. Dollars.

They are of opinion that to obtain Professors of the first order of science in their respective lines, they must resort principally to Europe; and that persons of eminence may not be expected to leave a known, for an untried situation but on certain salaries in addition to liberal tuition fees.

On this view of their future funds, it is evident that they will not be adequate to the full establishment of the ten Professorships contemplated by the legislature in their act of Jan. 25. 1819. for establishing the University.

It is their opinion however that they may, on that income, adventure on the establishment of eight professorships, either immediately, or at a period not distant; and that the branches of science proposed to be taught in the University may be arranged within the competence of that number for a time, and until future and favorable circumstances may enable them to add others to lighten duly the professorships thus overcharged with duties.

That to be ensured of obtaining characters of the due degree of science, of talents for instruction, and of correct habits & morals, a special Agent be sent to Europe, and of preference to the countries there, using our own language, to make the selection, under necessary instructions, caution and advisement, and to counsel and effect their passage to this country and to the University.

That the agent be instructed to procure them for such compensation, within the limits herein prescribed, as he shall find practicable

and deem right; that he² offer to each a fixed salary, not less than 1000, nor more than 1500.D. a year³ with the privilege of receiving the tuition fees required from the students by the regulations of this board, and that he be authorised, if he find it expedient, to assure to each, or any of them, that his salary, together with his fees, shall not be less annually, for five years, than the sum of 2500.D.: and that though the board of visitors retain the power of regulating the tuition fees from time to time, as circumstances may require, they will not reduce them below the rate now fixed at any time within five years, without the consent of the professor to be affected by such reduction, and at no time thereafter without strong considerations connected with the prosperity of the institution.

That a sum of 2000.D.⁴ be placed in Great Britain subject to his orders for such advances as may be necessary to the professors on account of salaries; which salaries may commence on the 1st day of October, or on whatever later day they may embark for their destination.

That a further sum of 6000.D. be placed in like manner for the purchase of such chemical, astronomical, physical and mathematical apparatus, and for such text books, as on consultation with the respective professors, each for his department, shall be deemed indispensable for a beginning, and not exceeding in the whole the sum so placed.

That the sum of 1500.D. be allowed and advanced to the Agent in full of all compensation for his expences and services on this mission.

Resolved that Francis Walker Gilmer be appointed Agent for the purposes aforesaid; that he proceed on the mission with as little delay as possible, and that he use his best diligence to have the professors in place by the middle of November next, that there may be time for announcing sufficiently, and on certain grounds, the commencement of the institution on the 1st day of February following.

That if the monies destined for these advances be not in hand, to save time and disappointment, they be borrowed by the Executive Committee on the credit of the University, from any bank, body, or individual, whatever, to be replaced by the sd monies when received.

And⁵ inasmuch as it is necessary, for the information of the agent, now to specify the sciences to be taught, and their distribution among the professorships, and it may be satisfactory to the professors also to know what their general situation in the University will be, what and on whom their dependance will be,⁶ and the duties expected from them, the board proceeds⁷ to the following enactments.⁸ adjourning however for the present until tomorrow.

Tuesday April 6th a constant and heavy rain prevented the meeting of the board.

Wednesday April 7. 1824.

Joseph C. Cabell attended with the members present on Monday.⁹

In the University of Virginia shall be instituted¹⁰ eight Professorships, to wit 1st of Antient languages. 2^{dly} Modern languages, 3. Mathematics. 4. Natural philosophy. 5. Natural history. 6. Anatomy and Medecine.¹¹ 7. Moral philosophy. 8. Law.

In the school of Antient languages shall be taught the higher grade of the Latin and Greek languages, the Hebrew, rhetoric, belles lettres,¹² antient history and antient geography.

In the school of Modern languages shall be taught French, Spanish, Italian, German, and the English language in it's Anglo-Saxon form; also modern history, and modern geography.

In the school of Mathematics shall be taught Mathematics generally including the higher branches of Numerical arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry plane and spherical, geometry,¹³ mensuration, navigation, conic sections, fluxions or differentials, military and civil architecture.

In the school of Natural philosophy shall be taught the laws & properties of bodies generally, including mechanics, statics hydrostatics, hydraulics,¹⁴ pneumatics, acoustics optics and astronomy.

In the school of Natural history shall be taught botany, zoology, mineralogy, chemistry, geology, and rural economy.

In the school of Anatomy and medecine¹⁵ shall be taught anatomy, surgery, the history¹⁶ of the progress and theories of medecine, physiology pathology¹⁷ materia medica & pharmacy.

In the school of moral philosophy shall be taught Mental¹⁸ science generally including¹⁹ ideology, general grammar, logic, and ethics.²⁰

In the school of Law shall be taught the Common and Statute law that of the Chancery, the laws Feudal,²¹ civil, mercatorial, maritime and of Nature and Nations; and also the principles of government & political economy.

This arrangement however shall not be understood as forbidding occasional transpositions of a particular branch of science from one school²² to another in accomodation of the particular qualifications of different professors.

In each of these schools instruction shall be communicated by lessons or lectures, examinations and exercises,²³ as shall be best adapted to the nature of the science, and number of the school;²⁴ and exercises shall be prescribed to employ the vacant days and hours.²⁵

The professors shall be permitted to occupy, rent-free, a pavilion each, with the grounds appropriated to it. they shall also recieve from

the funds of the University such compensation as shall have been stipulated by the agent or fixed by the board; and from each student attending them tuition fees as herein after declared.²⁶

The professors shall permit no waste to be committed in their tenements, and shall maintain the Internal of their pavilions, and also the windows, doors and locks external during their occupation, in as good repair & condition as they shall have recieved them.

The collegiate duties of a professor, if discharged conscientiously, with industry & zeal, being sufficient to engross all his hours of business, he shall engage in no other pursuits of emolument unconnected with the service of the Univ^{ty} without the consent of the visitors.

Every student shall pay to the professor whom he attends, if he attends but one, 50 D. the session of ten months and an half; if two, 30.D. each, if three or more 25.D. each. and these paiments shall be made in advance, and before his admission into the school. and they shall maintain their dormitories in the condition in which they recieve them in like manner as is required of the professors. the Proctor shall in duty attend in both cases to the observance of this requisition.²⁷

Altho', as before expressed, the board is in the expectation that they may be able, either immediately or at no distant period, to establish eight professorships; yet some uncertainties in the state of their funds, and other considerations, render it prudent, for the present, to establish seven only; and the school of anatomy being that which it will be most expedient to postpone, they instruct their agent accordingly to make no engagement for an Anatomical professor, or a provisional one only, subject to the future determination of the board. they deem it also expedient that professors of Law and Moral philosophy shall be taken from among the citizens of the United states.

Considering as satisfactory the qualifications and character of George Blaettermann, of the city of London, recommended to them as professor of modern languages, the agent is authorised to engage him for that professorship, unless circumstances unknown to this board should, in his judgment, furnish cause to decline that engagement,²⁸ and to proceed to procure one who may merit more unexceptionably the approbation of the board.

The board then proceeded to the appointment of a Professor, and Francis Walker Gilmer was appointed to be professor of law, or of Moral philosophy, at his election, to be signified to the Rector.

The Executive committee are authorised to appoint a Collector of the arrears of subscriptions, and are required to take [such]²⁹ measures as may be necessary to effect a speedy collection.

An act of the last assembly having appropriated to the University for the purchase of a library and apparatus the sum of 50,000. Dollars

out of the first monies that may be recieved from the government of the United States on account of the claim of this commonwealth for advances and expenditures during the late war, having also authorised a contingent loan to that amount, by the board of public works, on the credit of the appropriation so made, and it being proper to provide for the receipt and disposal of this money, and for the negotiation of the authorised loan to such extent as may be advisable, the board doth therefore resolve

First that as soon as the money so appropriated or any part thereof, shall be payable, it be paid to the Bursar of the University, or to his order; that so much thereof as may be required by the Executive committee, not exceeding 20,000. Dollars, be placed by him in Europe under the controul of the Agent hereby deputed to that country, to be employed in the purchase of such books and apparatus as may be deemed most useful for the commencement of the several schools in the University; and the balance of the money which may be recieved by the Bursar be deposited in bank, subject to the future orders of the board.

Secondly, that the Executive Committee be authorised, if they deem it expedient, in anticipation of the money to be recieved from the General government, to negotiate a loan with the board of public works for any sum not exceeding that hereby directed to be placed under the controul of the agent in Europe; and to pledge the monies so to be recieved from the general government for the payment of the interest and refunding the principal of the loan; and any money so borrowed by the Executive Committee shall be placed under the controul of the agent in Europe, in lieu of that mentioned in the first resolution, and for the purpose therein specified.

And the board adjourned without day.

TH: JEFFERSON Rector.

MS (ViU: TJP-VMTJ); in TJ's hand. Dft (ViU: TJP); undated; partial text in TJ's hand consisting of eleven paragraphs that he numbered and then canceled; conjoined with Dft of Minutes of University of Virginia Board of Visitors, 4–5 Oct. 1824, which includes four additional canceled paragraphs from the Apr. Minutes as noted there; at head of text: "Enactments by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, for constituting, governing and conducting that Institution"; with wide margins typical of TJ's drafts. Tr (Mason Robertson, Savannah, Ga., 1964, on deposit ViU: TJP); extract

in TJ's hand; at head of text: "(A)" and "Extracts from the Journals of the Visitors of the University of Virginia. Apr. 7. 24." Tr (ViU: TJP-VMJCC). Tr (ViU: TJP-VMJHC). Tr (ViU: TJP-VMJJB).

An early version by TJ of the material in the Dft was printed above as TJ's Proposed Curricular Assignments for University of Virginia Faculty, [ca. 22 Jan. 1824], enclosed in TJ to Joseph C. Cabell, 22 Jan. 1824. Significant differences are accounted for in the notes below. A later version of TJ's Dft, including a conjoined Dft of the 4–5 Oct. 1824 Minutes,

was published in March 1825 as *Enactments by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, for Constituting, Governing and Conducting that Institution* (Charlottesville, 1825), and reprinted with additional regulations from the 3–7 Oct. 1825 Minutes in *Report of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund* (Richmond, 1825).

MERCATORIAL: “Of or relating to merchants, traders, or their business; mercantile” (*OED*). The ACT OF THE LAST ASSEMBLY was the 6 Mar. 1824 “act for extending the charter of the Farmers’ Bank of Virginia” (*Acts of Assembly* [1823–24 sess.], 10–2).

¹Word, interlined in MS, is not in VMJHC Tr.

²TJ here canceled “shall.”

³Preceding two words interlined.

⁴Reworked from “1000.D.”

⁵Extract begins here.

⁶Preceding eight words not in VMJB Tr.

⁷TJ here canceled “at this time.”

⁸Extract ends here.

⁹Dft and material in Proposed Curricular Assignments begin here. Extract resumes here.

¹⁰Dft and Proposed Curricular Assignments here add “for the present,” with phrase underscored in the latter.

¹¹Preceding two words, interlined in MS, are not in Dft, extract, or Proposed Curricular Assignments.

¹²Preceding three words not in Dft or Proposed Curricular Assignments, which

instead read “& also.” MS: “letters.” Trs: “lettres.”

¹³Word, interlined in Dft, is not in Proposed Curricular Assignments.

¹⁴Word not in VMJHC Tr.

¹⁵Preceding two words, interlined in MS, are not in Dft, extract, or Proposed Curricular Assignments.

¹⁶Remainder of paragraph in Proposed Curricular Assignments reads “and Outlines of medicine.”

¹⁷Word, interlined in MS, is not in Dft or extract.

¹⁸VMJHC Tr: “moral.” VMJB Tr: “mentally.”

¹⁹In Dft TJ here canceled “ethics.”

²⁰In Dft “logic” and “ethics” are interlined. Dft and Proposed Curricular Assignments here add “and criticism, and adding rhetoric & oratory.”

²¹Word, interlined in Dft, is not in Proposed Curricular Assignments. VMJHC Tr: “federal.”

²²MS: “shool.” Dft and all Trs: “school.”

²³Preceding two words, interlined in Dft, are not in Proposed Curricular Assignments.

²⁴Word interlined in Dft in place of “class.” Proposed Curricular Assignments: “class.”

²⁵Dft and Proposed Curricular Assignments end here.

²⁶Extract: “directed.”

²⁷Extract ends here with TJ’s signature.

²⁸Reworked from “decline engaging him.”

²⁹Word supplied from Trs, with a space left blank here in MS.

From David Harding

RESPECTED SIR

Hingham (Mass^{ts}) April 6th. 1824

In behalf of the members of the Jefferson Debating Society in this Town, I take the liberty of forwarding you a copy of the Preamble to their constitution—also a notice of the celebration of their first anniversary on the 4th of March. The prospects of this Society are at present very flattering, and we have reason to believe that it will soon embrace most of the young men among us. Satisfied of the correctness of those principles of government which you have ever so ably

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advocated, and so successfully practiced, It will be our endeavour to enforce and perpetuate them, and however humble the success that may attend our efforts, we trust that the name we have assumed will never suffer reproach through us. This imperfect but well meant tribute of respect, will not we hope, sir, be the less acceptable to you, as coming from so young a portion of the Republican Family—whose sincere prayer is, that your latter days may be as tranquil and happy, as your former ones have been useful to your country, and honourable to yourself.

DAVID HARDING Pres^t

RC (DLC); addressed: “Hon. Thomas Jefferson Monticello Virginia”; endorsed by TJ as received 15 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

David Harding (1796–1874), merchant and insurance executive, was born in Eastham, Massachusetts. By 1821 he moved within that state to Hingham. Harding became the first secretary of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1826 and held the position for forty-eight years. His shop was used as the company’s first headquarters, and he also served as its treasurer beginning in 1867. Harding was the treasurer of the Hingham Institution for Savings, 1834–63, and he was a Freemason and a notary public. In 1860 his real estate and personal property were worth \$4,000 and \$2,000, respectively, and a decade later his personal estate was valued at \$3,000. Harding died in Hingham of “Softening of Brain” (Solomon Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham*,

Plymouth County, Massachusetts [1827], 10–2; *History of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts* [1893], vol. 1, pt. 2, 271–3, 275–7, 291; *Boston Columbian Centinel*, 22 Aug. 1821; *Boston Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser*, 27 June 1831; DNA: RG 29, CS, Mass., Plymouth Co., Hingham, 1830–70; *Boston New England Farmer*, 21 Feb. 1874; Hingham Death Register).

The Jefferson Debating Society was established in Hingham in 1823. Only men aged between twenty-one to thirty-five were permitted to join, and after they turned forty they became honorary members, no longer participating in debates but still able to attend meetings. The society held its anniversary celebrations on the fourth of March, the date on which TJ became president in 1801. It disbanded in the 1830s (MaHgPL: Jefferson Debating Society Bicentennial Collection, 1823–1829; Lincoln, *History of the Town of Hingham*, 12).

E N C L O S U R E S

I

Preamble to the Constitution of the
Jefferson Debating Society

[before 6 Apr. 1824]

Preamble to the constitution of the J. D. Society.

Republican Governments derive their chief support from popular opinion, and their durability depends on the virtue and intelligence of the people. Hence it becomes a duty in good citizens to enlighten the understandings and elevate the patriotism of their countrymen, and by proper associations and frequent intercourse to diffuse the¹ means of correct information among them.

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The Republican Young Men of Hingham, who adhere to the political principles of that venerated Statesman, and ardent patriot, **Thomas Jefferson**, desirous of increasing the ardour of their patriotism by the warmth of their social affections, and of qualifying themselves to judge of the conduct of their rulers by a knowledge of their own duties and rights, have agreed to associate, and do hereby associate themselves under the style and appellation of the

Jefferson Debating Society

for the purposes of acquiring and imparting political and general information.

MS (DLC: TJ Papers, 226:40399);
written in David Harding's hand on verso
of address leaf of covering letter; undated.

¹Manuscript: "the the."

II

"A Citizen" on the Jefferson Debating Society

[ca. 13 Mar. 1824]

An excellent Example for the Young Men of our Country.

On the 4th of March "The Jefferson Debating Society in Hingham" celebrated their first anniversary. This society consists of respectable young men between the ages of twenty one and thirty-five. I am informed that their number of members is already upwards of sixty. Their object is to discuss various topics of general interest in relation to government and to the welfare of Society. For this purpose they have adopted a constitution, hold regular meetings, and in debate proceed according to rules and orders that regulate our legislative bodies.

Such a Society promises to be an admirable school to cultivate the talents of our young men,¹ to give a direction to their inquiries and habits that may result in the most valuable benefits to themselves, and to qualify them to perform, with high advantage to the community their duty as citizens.

Their form of celebration began with a brief statement of the object of the Society, which was followed by the reading of President Jefferson's Inaugural Speech and by a spirited and patriotic Address by one of the members, and closed with an Ode.

With such sons to assist and maintain the cause of our Republic the fathers may leave their dear bought inheritance with a consolation unknown to the subjects of despots.

These young men have set an example worthy of imitation by the young men in many of our towns. "The Boston Debating Society" first set the example. In that Society I have had the pleasure of hearing debates which would do honor to any deliberative assembly. I glory in such institutions. They forward the march of intellect. They will strengthen the foundation of our government. If cherished, they will give an elevation and splendor to the temple of liberty, at some period we trust, to be admired and imitated by every nation.—We have seen that the power of nations is not in numbers alone, nor in the magnitude of their armies and navies; but in the intellectual and moral energy, and in their attachment and devotion to the government. Europe is compelled to confess it.

A CITIZEN.

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Printed in *Independent Chronicle and Boston Patriot*, 13 Mar. 1824; undated clipping in DLC: TJPapers, 226:40999a; at head of text: "*For the BOSTON PATRIOT.*"

¹Printed text: "youngmen."

From James Monroe

DEAR SIR Washington april 1824. [received 6 Apr. 1824]

The claim of the State, for the allowance of interest, on monies borrowed & applied to the payment of the militia in the late war, has been considered by the administration, in a full meeting, at the instance of the Senators, & of Mr Cabell, & the result has been, that the allowance, could not be made by the Executive, the uniform decision in such cases, having been against it. The claim will be brought before Congress, and either by me, or the members, as may be deemed most adviseable. If presented by me, as there are many states having similar claims, it is thought that I should, take it up on general principles, applicable to all, & it was urged in the admⁿ & apparently acquiesced in, that if a state had money in hand, as was the case with Maryland; & paid it to the militia as called for, that the State is entitled to interest, on the principles of justice, in equal degree, as if she had borrowed the money, & paid the interest on it. It was urged that if there was any thing peculiar, in the circumstances, of the claim of Virg^a, more favorable, than of the other states, it might be urged with greater advantage, if brought forward, by the members, than by me: I shall make myself master of the subject, and take any course, safe & proper in itself, which may be most agreeable to our members, & in accord with the views of the admⁿ. Should you have formed any opinion on this head, it will give me pleasure to be made acquainted with it. my solicitude is the greater, from the reliance on this fund, in aid of our University, on which the State, & indeed our whole system of gov^t, so essentially depend.

you are acquainted with all the circumstances, relating to the compact with Georgia, entered into in 1802. for the extinguishment of the Indian title to land, within the State, on the condition specified. During your term, & that of Mr Madison, much land was acquired, as there has been, since I held this office. I was also going on, to press the object, with much zeal, & as I thought in harmony, with the delegation from the State, looking to the claims of humanity as well as of right on the part of the Indians, when on an earnest remonstrance, from a deputation of the Cherokee nation here, against further cessions, or appropriations of money to obtain cessions, which was com-

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municated to the members from the State, they addressd to me a letter replete with the most bitter reproaches, expressd in the harsh-est language, against the conduct of the Executive in the execution of that article of the compact, from its date. I take this however to myself, for whom it was I presume principally intended. Being satisfied that Mr Crawford knew nothing of the measure, I communicated the papers to him, with an intimation, that if the members asked to withdraw their paper, I would permit it. He disapprovd their conduct, intimated through one, to the others, his wish that they would withdraw it. They met, & decided that they would not withdraw it, nor communicate with him on the subject. Finding it necessary to bring the wishes of the State before Congress, I sent in this paper, with others, with a message, some few days since. I will forward to you a copy of the message & documents as soon as printed.

I send you a copy of the message & documents relating to the Massachusetts claim, for militia services in the late war. On great consideration of the subject, & communication with the most enlightend of the republicans of that section, I was satisfied, that the measure, especially should it be supported, by the republicans to the south, wo^d give great aid to the republican party, to the Eastward, & in consequence to our system of gov^t

very respectfully & sincerely your friend

JAMES MONROE

RC (DLC: TJ Papers, 226:40421–2); partially dated; endorsed by TJ as received 6 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

On 24 Apr. 1802 commissioners of the United States and of Georgia entered into a COMPACT in which Georgia ceded its claims to lands south of Tennessee in exchange for \$1,250,000 and a promise that the federal government would eliminate Indian titles to lands in the state of Georgia (TJ to the Senate and the House of Representatives, 26 Apr. 1802, and note [PTJ, 37:343–5]). In a letter to Monroe dated 19 Jan. 1824, a DEPUTATION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION consisting of John Ross, George Lowery, Major Ridge, and Elijah Hicks, stated that their people had decided “not to cede away any more lands” and asked for an amendment to the agreement between the United States and Georgia by which the former would “be released from the existing compact so far as it respects the extinguishment of Cherokee title to lands.” In his 30 Jan. response on behalf of the president, Sec-

retary of War John C. Calhoun suggested that the Cherokee move west of the Mississippi River or receive monetary compensation for their titles and use it to purchase land elsewhere. The deputation wrote on 11 Feb. that the existing compact is “no more than a conditional one” and that the Cherokee “have come to a decisive and unalterable conclusion, never to cede away any more lands” (Tr in GU: Telamon Cuyler Collection). In a 30 Mar. 1824 message to Congress, Monroe declared that the United States “have duties to perform, and a character to sustain,” and that “there is no obligation on the United States to remove the Indians by force” (ASP, *Indian Affairs*, 2:473–502; Calhoun, *Papers*, 8:487–90, 513, 535; JHR, 17:351).

During the War of 1812 Governor Caleb Strong refused to commit the Massachusetts militia for national service, arguing that the power of Congress to call forth state militias was not unconditional and required the consent of the individual governors. Due to this refusal, reimbursements from the federal government requested by

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Massachusetts for wartime services were not allowed. Governor William Eustis subsequently renounced the state's objection, placing Massachusetts on the same footing as the other states. Monroe accordingly declared that "this very distressing anomaly in our system is removed." On 23 Feb. 1824 he forwarded to Congress a

MASSACHUSETTS CLAIM for services rendered by the fifth division during the War of 1812 and concluded that it "should be acceded to," because "essential service was rendered, in the late war, by the militia of Massachusetts, and with the most patriotic motives" (*ASP, Military Affairs*, 3:8–87; *JHR*, 17:262–6).

From Joseph C. Cabell

DEAR SIR,

Edgewood. 8th April. 1824.

This will be delivered to you by my servant Archer, who comes down with the Horse you were so good as to lend me. I took the liberty to keep him longer than I promised, because on getting to Col: John Coles's, I found both himself & his brother Tucker, together with their families, were setting out to see Lady Skipwith, & all their riding Horses, seemed to be in requisition. I shall remain at home but a few days, & then return to the lower country. It will be some time in the month of May before I arrive here with my family.

I am, D^r Sir, ever faithfully yours

JOSEPH C. CABELL.

P.S. I will write to M^r Maclure from Williamsburg.

RC (ViU: TJP-PC); endorsed by TJ as received 9 Apr. 1824 and so recorded in SJL.

From Moritz Furst

SIR,

Philadelphia April 8th 1824

I beg you will excuse my Liberty to inform you, that some Time in the Month of May 1807. I had an Interview with Thomas Appleton Esq at that Time American Consul in Leghorn, who told me that he was authorized by the President of the United States, which Office you was then clothed with or by the Government to engage a Dies Sinker for the Mint: and engaged me before witnesses with 2000 Dollars, per annum: to come here, he gave me at the same Time two Letters one for yourself Honourable Sir, and the other for Gurdon S. Mumford Esq then a Member of Congress, in New York. I arrived there in the Month of September and transmitted my Letter for you by the Post Office for washington

would you have the kindness to let me have this Letter? or a Certificate that M^r Appleton was authorized to this by you? as at that Time President of the United States? It would at the present period

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