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Youngstown, Ohio, July 11th '84

My Dear Doctor:

Your letter seems to require a speedy answer, so I will write you a conclusion that may be a little hasty.

You ask if the change you suggest would be "just as satisfactory & convenient to me." I cannot make myself feel that it would be. I have ordered, at my own expense, some three hundred dollars worth of books relating to the Constitutional History of the U. S., & these books are to be for the use of all our students, but especially for such as

shall desire to do special work on the subject to which they relate. Carrying out your suggestion would be in the way of my doing, with much success, this elective work, which I have proposed to do & for which there served last Spring, to be an earnest wish.

There seems, too, to be another objection to the change. A few of the students do not like the work, and such, in general, would prefer to be excused from it. It seems to me that it would not be best to make any arrangement which would require such pressure — girls like Miss Woodburn, Miss Banta & Miss McCaughan — to take the study the whole

of the Fall term. They would not ~~work well~~ enjoy the studies and so the work would not profit them much. Besides, though they will yield without much resentment for a Winter term they would not for a Fall term.

For these reasons I do not feel that I caused offence in the change, however much I might wish to do you a personal favor. One of the other Gentlemen who have work with the Friends may be able to accommodate you. I hope they will.

We are pretty well fixed here, and are enjoying life very well. We hope you & your people are well

Truly Yours — J. G. Newkirk.