

Bloomington May 28th 1840

Hon Jas. H. Cravens Chairman Legislative Com

I deem it due to your Com^{tee} and to Doctor Mylie to state that Mr. Jontⁿ Nichols to whom Dr Mylie referred this evening as one of the Committee of the library of this College told me the reason why the library Committee had no meeting to make out a Catalogue of the Books to be purchased by Dr Mylie was. That he was not a Competent Judge of the kind of books wanted neither did he believe the other Members Competent, and that if such meeting was had Dr Foster would either make a "fuss" or make a Catalogue of such ^{"light & chaffy"} works as would be unfit for the College

And further I saw a letter from Dr Mylie while in Philadelphia directed to Mr. Nichols asking as well as I now recollect for advice concerning the purchase of books & Mr. Nichols said that Doctor Mylie was the only Competent Judge and he should give no direction or instructions concerning the books. very respectfully

William Alexander

My dear
Statement
Relative to Mr. Nichols