

Washington Oct 15th 1823

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th Aug. was handed to me by Mr Alexander a considerable time ago: but I am so bad a correspondent, & really have been so much engaged that I could not find time to acknowledge it till now.

Mr Alexander returned to Kentucky, without first calling on me, or I would have sent you a letter by him. The history of his life, while here, is short, & not very illustrious: he first expressed a determination to enter our College, then went to Cannonsburg to see some friends, engaged in study there, & passed through this place, in a day or two, for his native State.

Our college remains in statu quo, as to the number of students, ^{to} with sticks at about 60. Jefferson college has about $\frac{1}{3}$ more. They make a great noise. They have said & published that there has been a wonderful revival of religion there: but some doubt. If it is so, I rejoice at it. Though I fear it is for effect. Mr Reed has been removed from his chair in our college & his place, for the time, supplied by Workman, who is well qualified as to the affair of mere knowledge but he will not do for a professor. Who that will be is yet doubtful. We have had wind & tide against us: but I do not despair. I do think that

in the public mind there is a gradual change taking place in our favour. Time discloses intrigues among the brethren of which I had not supposed them capable. At the long run, I am sure, honesty is the best policy. Unquestionably so, if we take another world into view. It is my determination never to court patronage by means of such arts as would sink me in my own estimation, though they should raise me in that of others. — I had some thoughts of reviewing Dr Holly's Oration which you were so kind as to send me. But learning that it had been reviewed in Kentucky, I relinquished the intention, at least till I should hear further on the subject. It is certainly no great thing.

The money you propose lending, I would gladly receive allowing you at least four per cent. interest, which is the rate now in the cities. If you have a favorable opportunity please send it: but if you have disposed of it otherwise, ere this reaches you, give yourself no trouble about it. — Dr Merhert & Dr Brown (for the title has been lately conferred on him at Princeton) are not now friends as formerly. They have already appeared before two ecclesiastical courts — Dr Merhert plaintiff; Dr Brown defendant. This quarrel serves to elucidate former things admirably.

I will send you, either by the next mail, or shortly, a couple of sermons; which may pass with my partial friends; but probably with impartial persons will occupy about the same grade as Dr Holly's Oration; I do not mean as to sentiment, but considered merely as literary productions. Our state has been all in a ferment about the governors election - the press teeming with lies which are daily multiplied & magnified by ten thousand tongues. O the shame! Mr Alexander did not bring the book from Judge Mills which your letter mentioned.

Give my best respects to Judge Mills; & accept them for yourself.

At N. W. Guffey

Yours &c

Andrew Hyatt



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