

Washington Aug. 3. 1824

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 17th ult. has been just received; & I am truly glad to find from the tenor of it, that you appear to be doing well, since you seem to have money on hand. In answer to your proposal respecting it, I would say, that, if you can dispose of it on no better terms, I would be glad to use it at four per cent. interest, & return it to you as you may need it. A higher interest I could not give without loss to myself, which my circumstances would not justify; less I would not offer.

You may inform Mr Smith, that there will be a class beginning the Majora next session which, from what you write, would suit him exactly, that boarding is had now at one dollar per week in the vicinity & in town at one & a quarter, but that in the winter it will be prob-

ably at $1.37\frac{1}{2}$. Working, I believe, $\$10.00$ per annum
Coal $\$5.00$ per 100 bushels, which with two to a room
will be at most $\$3.00$ the winter: tuition $\$20.00$
per annum.

The college is, I think, likely to prosper. Mr Scott
fills the Mathematical chair very respectably, &
has been greatly benefited by his stay during the
winter at Yale. The number of students is at
present 73, & two or three more are expected this
session. They have however about 100 at
Yanov, bny, which, all things considered, is truly
astomishing. But the present system cannot be
reasonably expected to last long: though, indeed,
things do occur in the world which put rea-
sonable expectation at defiance.

Mease Smith, with whom, I believe you were
acquainted at college, has returned to the Eastern
Shore to be joined in the holy bands of wedlock
with an immense fortune.

Yours sincerely
Mr Mr McHaffy

Andrew Brydie

P.S. As to the quantity of money that I can fund use for,
you may send the whole you can spare. I shall
be responsible for ~~the~~ ^{the} safe return to your hands,
with the interest above mentioned, of whatever sum
shall, from you, be put safely into mine.

A.W.



Mr. Wm. W. Guffey

Davis.

Don't hurry.

