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Do Sir,

You have innocently been the occasion of a great movement toward the El Dorado of the South - much to our discomfiture at present. Elliott is on his high horse - a salary of 3500 - his brother professor of Math - salary 1750 & Darwin Maxwell our Tutor professor of Lang - salary 1750 - all going forth - with. — What think you? I've written to your very particular friend Scott among others!! A hazardous experiment you say. But he won't quarrel with me & he is on the whole the best mark within the scope of our bow. Perhaps he may not accept the conditional proposition I have made him. Whom do you know of Mathematical or other qualifications for the plan. What is your brother? What & where is Bliddoe?

Shall I soon have the pleasure of seeing your inaugural? How do you like the experiment of Primus & the city so far? How is the madam pleased? I shall make my calculations to give you a call on

my way to the General Assembly next
spring, & should much like to have your
company. You have never yet shewn your-
self in that august Sanhedrim. Is it not
time you should? Did the orthodox com-
mittee honor you as they did me with
the famous Circular? I have not an-
swered it yet. Nor shall I. My friendships
are mostly with them, but they are misera-
bly misled.

I forgot in my last to express my opin-
ion of Mr Rogers strong expressions to you
on the subject of Slavery. That it will
end as he says there is some reason to fear.
But the catastrophe if it come at all will
not take place till long after our heads
& our children are laid in the dust. But
yet I think you did well in not going to
the South. Slavery per se is no sin but it is
a huge political evil as it exists in the U. S.
Poor Elliott! He is dazzled with the golden pro-
spect of cotton plantations - journeys to Europe &c
but a fear for the issue. For I feel a sincere
regard for the man & he leaves us regretted by me
more than by any one else. In fact he had become
quite odious to some & obnoxious to almost all
of the board & would have been still more so
not only with them but with the students &
others but for a constant endeavor on my part

to keep things straight. How he will do
as prime mover in the sphere to which he goes
remains to be seen. I pray & hope the best.

— You'll be exposed to a thousand imper-
tinences & excitements in the city from
which you have been heretofore free
be not offended if I suggest the necessity
of care on this subject. Though sorely disap-
pointed in your rejection of our offer & re-
gretting as sorely that we had not made it
larger, I feel no revenge mingled with it but
desire & expect that you will be sustained
& blessed in the high sphere in which
I hope you will long continue to move.

Yours truly

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