

Dear Sir

Monticello Jan. 15. 18.

The messenger who carried mine of yesterday brought me in return yours of the 5th. I shall be anxious to hear from you after our report of the 6th shall have been laid before the legislature, & what ^{to learn} impression it makes. because that shews how near we are to the accomplishment of a good college, one that cannot but be thought of some value to the state, and the urgency of their enabling us to compleat it. 50,000. I would give us the other two professorships which would compleat it: but unless we can get 25,000 at least to give us a Mathematical professor, we shall begin very inauspiciously. if even this is refused, perhaps the statement in our report developing the public (& not local) character of our institution, may give a spur to subscriptions in countries appearing as yet indifferent to it. The members of the legislature might aid us in that way. our subscriptions being annual only, & half the money at least being necessary the ensuing summer, we must get you to enquire which of the banks will advance us from 10. to 20,000. thro' the course of the summer & on what terms. This is absolutely necessary to be known, before we venture on contracts. — I wrote my letter of yesterday in such haste that I had not time to read it over before dispatching it for the mail. on reading afterwards the polygraph copy retained, I observed in the antepenultimate line an error of one word for another, to wit, 'blessings' of the young instead of 'thanks' of the young, which be so good as to correct, and to accept assurances of my friendship & respect.

Mr. Cabell.

Th: Jefferson

Cabell Joseph C. Jan. 15. 18.

Dear Sir

Washington Jan. 12. 18.

The members of the Council have been informed of your report of the 2nd inst. I shall have been laid before the Legislature, & that committee is making. because that it is necessary to the accomplishment of a good cause, and that cannot but be thought of some value to the State, and the wisdom of their ordering us to consider it. 20,000 would give us the other two professions which would consider it. but which we can get 25,000 to give us a Mathematical Professor, we shall begin very much pleased. if ever this is referred, perhaps a statement in our report regarding the public (not local) character of our institution, may give us a new subscription. can be offering as a subscription to the members of the Legislature. our subscription being annual only, and the most last being necessary, the expense of the banks will be the course of the summer & on that point, it is absolutely necessary to be known, before we venture on contracts. I enclose my letter of introduction in such a manner that I do not have to read it over before discharging it for the mail, or seeing afterwards the propriety of any alterations. I observed in the original that there was an error of one word for another, & being of the young instead of 'banks' of the year, which is so good as to correct, and to accept of it - names of my friends, & respect

The Hon. Joseph C. Cabell

J. C. Cabell

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Yours truly