

Dear Sir,

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Our books arrived in January and as soon as they were opened and arranged on their shelves a Librarian was appointed to take charge of them. The compensation was first at first at 50. D. a year only, but the Visitors at their meeting in March raised it to 150. D. but without any other emolument, not even a lodging room. It was supposed that one of the Professors would always take it as adding a bribe to their other emoluments, and thus economise to the University the expense of a distinct office, for an attendance of one hour in the week only, and sometimes a special call. I am sorry that even had not the appointment been previously made, it was not the place would have offered no provision worthy the acceptance of your son.

The inst^{it} has opened very auspiciously. a more satisfactory selection of Professors could not have been made, either as to grade of science or accomodating and zealous dispositions. It has been in action 7 weeks only and our Students are between 70 & 80. and others almost daily coming in. I hope the inst^{it} will reward it's friends and reconcile it's enemies. be pleased to accept the assurance of my great respect and esteem.

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Randolph Davis M. May 2. 25.

Our books arrived in London and as soon as they were opened and
examined on their return a Librarian was appointed to take charge of them. The
company was first set foot at 20. a year only, but the value of their
investments rose to 1200. I had not any other investments, it was a happy
year. It was supposed that one of the Professors would have done it, as nothing
fills a man's mind like the study of the sciences, and this was the case with
the Librarian. He had not only the opportunity of study, but the means of
it. I am sorry that he has not yet published his opinions on the
subject. There would have been many to have written the opinions of the
Professors. The world has opened up a new world of knowledge, a more interesting
subject than ever, and a more useful one to the human mind. It is a
subject which has been studied and written on for many years, and
it is a subject which will never be forgotten. The world is full of
knowledge, and it is a knowledge which is of great value to the
human mind.

Thomas Jefferson Esq. re

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