

Saratoga. Aug 28. 1850

Dear Robert;

Say to John that I have rec<sup>d</sup>  
Professor Hopkins's resignation and that the only  
alternative which will be left to the Visitors, so little  
time remaining before the commencement of the course,  
will be to authorize the Faculty to employ temporarily  
a lecturer on Chemistry - Does John feel himself compe-  
tent forthwith to enter upon such a task? He must decide  
so with all becoming diffidence. - If he answers this  
question satisfactorily to himself then he should  
lose no time in communicating with Col. McLan-  
dish and Judge Christian proposing to lecture dur-  
ing the course for enough to pay for board and  
clothing - The great object should be to get a lodg-  
ment which can be mustered into a Professorship.  
He might get testimonials from such of the Literati  
as he is acquainted with and address Bishop  
Johns upon the subject. I think under the cir-  
cumstances of his case he would be more  
likely <sup>at that time</sup> to succeed as a temporary lecturer than  
a permanent Professor - But he must not  
calculate upon success with any certainty -  
but press on with his law studies - If it  
comes why let will be well - If not let it  
pass and be forgotten -

Robt. Tyler

I write in haste  
y<sup>r</sup> Father J. Tyler