

Yale, January 16, 1827-

My dear Brother,

Just one hour since I received your kind letter informing me that you had concluded to let me graduate, which information I do assure you was very congenial to my wishes. —

As you My dear Brother are the only and the proper person to whom I should speak without reserve as regards my every difficulty, and all my unpleasant feelings, I flatter myself you will not think amiss of my addressing you in the familiar language of a son to a father, and I have every reason to believe you will not, as your line of conduct has ever been to me not only paternal, but also calculated in an eminent degree to instill into my bosom those honourable principles, and those finer feelings, to be devoid of which a young man might as well not be as to be; I wrote you for the sum of \$121.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ and have received of you this morning \$50.00, leaving a balance of \$71.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ to come on, now Sir I pledge you my honour as a brother, as a dutiful brother I hope, as a gentleman — that if I cannot get the remainder remitted by the time the next term shall have commenced or a few days after, I shall have to go in the country till I can, for I protest my necessary expenses require every cent of money written for — and I have to pay up said expenses at the commencement of the term or shall have to go out of New Haven to get out of the way of my creditors.

Will you my dear Brother, consider the situation of a brother speaking to you in the language of necessity, addressing you under the influence of feeling of an unpleasant nature, will you I say the day, the very day you get this letter forward the remainder of specified sum which is \$71.98, I have done all I could do to induce you to believe that my situation requiring the immediate remittance of \$71.98. I have pledged you my honour the most sacred pledge of a gentleman.

It is painful for me to inform you that at the advanced stage of the College ^{course} to which our Class have by this time arrived, that any of them should be guilty of conduct sufficient to deprive them of their degree, but so it is - a young man whose name is Parker of Boston was at the close of the term expelled and of course he has forever lost his degree, and my friend Parmelee was suspended for six weeks in the next term, I took an affectionate leave of him the day he left town - on the morning of his departure he was called before the Faculty together with Mix of N. Hara, McPhail of Va. Cushing of Mel, VanKensselaer of N. York Albany, and myself of Md. at which time he (Parmelee) had awarded to him the first premium for excelling in Greek translation, Mix the second, Wickes the third, Cushing the fourth, VanKensselaer the fifth, and McPhail the sixth, so you see I am respectable in some branches, particularly when you recollect our class consists of 81 - it is generally allowed Parmelee will stand first at the close of our College course.

I have been very busy since our vacation came on writing decisions on various questions which I during term time have to decide on acting as I do in the capacity of Speaker of the Callicopean Society, never say a word in regard to our society, it consists of one hundred and twenty five members and all young men mostly from the south so you see it is an honourable body - We have shown in abundance and the citizens make the best use of it - have you any in dear old Maryland? - I am not much pleased to learn that Pungod succeeded, but the Seneca deserve nothing better. I rather think I may be of some use there in the political work on my return, at least I rather think I shall try to be - I received the Cash Sister was so very good as to let her be in perfect safety, for which she has for some time sent my thanks and gratitude - in after life I hope her pay and interest - say to Sir I will write her tomorrow or next day - I regret much very much to hear Washington College that place dear proper to me has been destroyed I have seen pleasant days than while fitting to take a respectable stand in farman and Yale - what in the world will you do without it? -

Brother I am inclined to think if expeditious measures are taken I can get an answer to this by Wednesday 24th (the day our term commences) Farewell, love to Sisters and Children -

Yr very affl - Brother

Simon A W

Richard Simon A.

January 1827

Handwritten signature in red ink

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