Title: Letter from William Irvine to Robert Magaw
Date: July 28, 1787
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New York July 28 1784

Dear Col:

I have not seen nor heard from your friends in this quarter since my arrival. It appears that Congress has been so busy that I have not yet had time to take a ride onto Long Island.

The Memorial of the Trustees has been read and committed to the Committee. The Committee have reported extremely favorable issues to grant a certain proportion of the building in fee simple - but the report has not yet been taken up in Congress, nor do I wish to precipitate it until I sound most of the members. At present however, I have not a doubt but the measure will be as favorable as the most sanguine of us can hope for.

Colonel Grayson of Virginia, by my advice will direct a nephew of his to be sent to your college, by whom the favor of one to mention this to you as an old acquaintance of his, and to request the favor.
of you to provide a suitable lodging for him—and that
you will also take a kind of superintendence of him as
the Col. expressly it he is a high spirited lad— that it is
absolutely necessary he should be afraid of some person
perhaps it will not be amiss to speak to Doctor Nesbit
& Davison about him— particularly as, if anything can
be made of him—it may have a tendency to bring many
young Gentlemen to the College— His name is Orr
he has been two years at the College in this City, but
as the Colonel’s time in Congress will soon expire he
does not wish to leave him here—he will be provided
in the first instance with Cash for the first quarter
but the Col. proposes to write you by the young
Gentleman— Mr. Wilson has not time to wait as the
Stage sets out immediately—which prevents me at this
time from sending matter intended. I am in haste

D: Col,
Your friend & Servt.
Mr. Irving

Col: Magaw
Dear Col:

I have not seen nor heard from your friends in this quarter since my arrival, & Congress have sat so close that I have not yet had time to take a ride onto long Island.

The memorial of the Trustees has been read & committed the Committee have reported extremely favorable indeed Viz - to grant a certain proportion of the building in {\textit{fee simple}} - but the report has not yet been taken up in Congress, nor do I wish to precipitate it, until I sound most of the members - At present however I have not a doubt but the Issue will be as favorable as the most sanguine hope for -

Colonel Grayson of Virginia, by my advice will direct a Nephew of his to be sent to your College he begs the favor of me to mention this to you as an old Acquaintance of his and to request the favor of you to procure a suitable lodging for him - and that you will also take a kind of superintendence of him - as the Col: expresses it, he is a high mettled lad - that it is absolutely necessary he should be afraid of some person - perhaps it will not be amiss to speak to Doctors Nisbit & Davison about him - particularly as, if anything can be made of him - it may have a tendency to bring many young Gentlemen to the College - his Name is Orr he has been two years at the College in this City, but as the Colonels time in Congress will soon expire he does not wish to leave him here - he will be provided in the first instance with Cash for the first quarter but - the Col: proposes to write you by the young Gentleman - Mr Wilson, has not time to wait as the Stage sets out immediately - which prevents me at this time from sundry matters I intended I am in haste

Df: Col

Your friend & Serv. t

Col: Magaw -

W: Irvine
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Col: Robert Magaw

Carlisle

favored by )

Mr Wilson )

\[ it is said he has an extraordinary capacity. \]