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I received your of the 7th cur. by the Stage, de am glad of your Accovery from the Influenza. I am Hill dif. Inf 'd on the Decline, or rather Extinction of this College, by the ungedly activity of its Enemies, & the Thamful Indolence of its few Friends . This Calomity however , is not peculiar to our Seminary, as at the late lemmencement of the College of Ohiladelphia, the dignified by the State with the Title of the University of Pennsylvania, at which I was prefert, only five Students received their first Degree. One & Jouenty Studento in Medicine, who received the Title of Doelor, threw Duff in the Eges of the People, & concealed the Weakness of the Faculty of Arts. We had eight here of our last Commencement. you ought to have known that I was jetting, when I asked you concerning Bufines, Money, & shares in the Bank. I hope that Mr. Grieve would mad with Mr. Jumbell before he bell Chilad Sphia. I am formy for the Mis prhene of Mr. Mon. erief, & would have written his Brother dis Thering on the Desafirm , if you had informed me whether Mr. Moneries was a lingle Man, or had lest a Nill & appointed Executors.

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I remain,

Dear Son.

your affectionale Talker,

Cha. 'Nistel.

S. Nilus 11.1802 No. 18. Mr. Mexander Kisbel. North Gay Street, Ballimore. Morney at Law.

Carlisle, June 11th, 1802.

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I remain,
Dear Son,
Your Affectionate Father,
Cha. Nisbet