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Mr

In a Conversation which I had, some time since, with Dr Rush, he told me, it was the Intention of several Gentlemen, Trustees of your intended College, to propose Dr Nestit of Montrose to be your President. — He, at the same time, requested that, as I was honoured with that Gentlemans personal Acquaintance, I would give some Account of his Character in Scotland & his Reputation as a Man of Letters.

Dr Nestit has been a settled Minister in Montrose for many years, & has allways been reputed a man of extraordinary Genius & Application. — As a Classical Scholar, a Philosopher — a Historian or a Divine, he is surpassed by few. — In Philanthropy — Affability and good Nature, by none. — With regard to his political Principles, he is well known to have been, uniformly, from his earliest Years a Republican, And if the part he has acted, during our doubtfull Contest with Britain,

entitles him to any Share of your Esteem,  
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He supported, uniformly, the Cause of America  
both in Public & Private in a Country where we  
had but few Friends. — In a Word — If he  
should be honoured with your Confidence in  
electing him to the Chair, & if he should be  
prevailed on to accept of your Invitation. I am  
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Institution & an Honour to our Country.

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March 29  
1784

I am

Sir

Your most hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Garson

Dr. Garrison's Letter  
to R. M. Pheasant

Robt M. Pheasant Esq

Sir/

In a Conversation which I had, sometime since, with Dr. Rush, he told me, it was the Intention of several Gentlemen, Trustees of your intended College, to propose Dr. Nisbit of Montrose to be your President. -- He, at the same time, requested that, as I was honoured with that Gentlemans personal acquaintance, I would give some Account of his Character in Scotland & his Reputation as a Man of Letters.

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