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Dear Sir,

The Ideas that occur to Me as proper to be  
 vested in the <sup>Commissioner to</sup> Institution to Mr. Bingham, are,  
 The love of literature & pure Religion for which the  
 Nation has been distinguished — the excellent purpose  
 for which the Institution is designed — the <sup>credibility</sup>  
 thereof evidenced by the Act of Incorporation, &  
 the Contributions of <sup>various</sup> different Societies — the  
 Repute of the Institution — its Situation farther  
 advanced ~~into~~ toward the Wilderness than any  
~~other~~ ~~College~~ in the United State, — the  
 Difficulties under which We labour — the good  
 Consequences that may flow from such a  
 benevolent & generous Attention <sup>on their part</sup> to the Interests  
 of such Establishments in this Country

In performance of my promise, I enclose  
 these Slints; tho I doubt not but much more  
 useful ones will suggest themselves to you.  
 It is not in my Power to draw up the ~~form~~  
~~paper~~ & digest the parts properly — That, I  
 expect you will have ready to our entire  
 Satisfaction tomorrow evening

I am Sir,

your truly affectionate  
 Wm Dickinson

(Wednesday)

Dear Sir,

The Ideas that occur to Me as proper to be  
 vested in the <sup>Commissioner</sup> Institution to Mr. Bingham, are,  
 The love of literature & pure Religion for which the  
 Nation has been distinguished — the excellent purpose  
 for which the Institution is designed — the <sup>credibility</sup>  
 thereof evidenced by the Act of Incorporation, &  
 the Contribution of <sup>persons of</sup> different Societies — the  
 Respectability of the Institution — its Situation farther  
 advanced ~~into~~ toward the Wilderness than any  
~~other~~ ~~College~~ in the United States, — the  
 Difficulties under which We labour — the good  
 Consequences that may flow from such a  
 benevolent & generous Attention <sup>on their part</sup> to the Interest  
 of such Establishments in this Country

In performance of my promise, I enclose  
 these Slints; tho' I doubt not but much more  
 useful ones will suggest themselves as to you.  
 It is not in my Power to draw up the <sup>form</sup>  
~~paper~~ & digest the parts properly — That, I  
 expect you will have ready to our entire  
 Satisfaction tomorrow evening

I am Sir,

your truly affectionate  
 Wm Dickinson

(Wednesday)

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Dr. Hutch

John Hutchins

Dear Sir,

The Ideas that occur to Me as proper to be inserted in the Commission & Instruction to Mr. Bingham, are the Love of Literature & pure Religion for which the Nation has been distinguished - the excellent purpose for which the Institution is designed - the Liberality thereof evidenced by the Act of Incorporation, & the Contributions of persons of different Societies - the Necessity of the Institution - its Situation farther advanced toward the Wilderness than any in the United States, - the Difficulties under which We labour - the good Consequences that may flow from such a benevolent & generous Attention on their part to the Interests of such Establishments in this Country.

In performance of My promise, I venture these Hints; tho I doubt not but much more useful ones will suggest themselves to You. It is not in my Power to draw up the Forms & digest the parts properly - That, I expect you will have ready to our entire Satisfaction tomorrow Evening.

I am D<sup>r</sup>. Sir,

Your truly affectionate

John Dickinson

Wednesday

[to Dr. Rush]