

an eminent Professor being in treaty for it at this moment, for a German Prince. What I feel most ashamed of in comparing our country with Europe, is the state of its Literary and Scientific Institutions, and the means of acquiring more than a mere smattering of knowledge. I do not speak now of rich and powerful monarchies, but of petty states and small towns with Republican forms of government. The Canton of Berne with a population of 300,000, possesses a Library of 45,000 volumes, that of Zurig with a population of 185,000, has one of 60,000 volumes, and Geneva with only 44,000 inhabitants, boasts 50,000 volumes. What an example for us—and until followed, what a reproach!

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your Excellency's most obt. servt.

**RICHARD HENRY WILDE.**

To His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland.