

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

In every possible way, your country wishes to erect public monuments to you even while LIVING; and posterity, without doubt, will greatly increase the number: but none, it is believed, can be more acceptable to you than a SEMINARY OF UNIVERSAL LEARNING expressly dedicated to your name, with a view of instructing and animating future generations to admire and to imitate those public virtues and patriot labours, which have created a private monument for you in the heart of every good citizen.

As this college is to be instituted upon the foundation of KENT COUNTY SCHOOL, the VISITORS of the said school are, by law, honoured with the great trust of carrying the design into execution: they have already been favoured with very liberal subscriptions, under the auspices of your name; and have no doubt of receiving speedily such further subscriptions, payable in three equal yearly payments, as will amount to the estimate in the law, and enable them, the next spring, to build the necessary SCHOOL ROOMS, for LECTURES in the SCIENCES, &c. and to furnish them with Books and PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS.

The VISITORS hope to obtain your Excellency's permission to place your name at the head of the seven additional Visitors and Governors of the College which the law allows to be chosen from any of the neighbouring states, to make up the number twenty-four, as you will observe in the perusal thereof: they further hope that the time is not very remote, in which it is infant seminary may salute you in person, and like a dutiful Child, as one of its first Works, present the OLIVE WREATH and other Emblems of Peace, to its Father, Guardian, and Protector.

I have the honour to be, in behalf and by order of the Visitors of Kent county School,

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient Servant,
WILLIAM SMITH.
Chester in Kent county, July 8, 1782.

At a meeting September 5th, Dr. Smith, the president, laid before the visitors the following answer from his Excellency GENERAL WASHINGTON, to the foregoing letter, viz.

Reverend Sir, Head-Quarters, Newburgh, August 18. 1782.
I HAVE had the honour to receive your favour of the 8th ultimo by Col. TILGEMAN, who arrived here about ten days ago, and to whom I have committed the charge of forwarding this answer.

To the gentlemen who moved the matter, and to the assembly for adopting it, I am much indebted for the honour conferred on me, by giving my Name to the College at CHESTER. At the same time, that I acknowledge the honour, I feel a grateful sensibility for the manner of bestowing it; which, as it will remain a MONUMENT of their esteem, cannot but make a deep impression on my mind—only to be exceeded by the flattering assurance of the lasting and extensive usefulness of the seminary.

If the trifling sum of FIFTY GUINEAS will be considered as an EARNEST of my wishes for the prosperity of this seminary, I shall be ready to pay that sum to the order of the Visitors, whenever it is their pleasure to call for it—It is too trifling to stand in any other point of view—nor would I wish it to do so.

With much pleasure should I consent to have my name enrolled among the worthy VISITORS and GOVERNORS OF THIS COLLEGE; but, convinced as I am that it will never be in my power to give the attendance which by law is required, my name would only be inserted to the exclusion of some other, whose abilities and proximity might enable him to become a more useful member.

When that period shall arrive, when we can hail the blest return of Peace, it will add to my pleasure to see this infant seat of learning rising into consistency and proficiency in the SCIENCES, under the nurturing hands of its FOUNDERS.

I have the honour to be,

Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Reverend Dr. Smith.

The senate adjourns till Friday morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 29, 1782.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except Robert Goldsborough, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

An address from Alexander C. Hanson, one of the judges of the general court, representing the depreciated state in which he was obliged to receive the salaries allowed him, and praying the spirit of his contract with the public for the two last years might be complied with, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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