

A. Casson

17 Sept. 1783

To Mr J. P. Bannister  
Secy. in Chancery  
Shelford

Dear Sir -

Tuesday afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> <sup>ber</sup> 1783  
No meeting of the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the College has as yet  
been called, waiting till I received your answer, as the appoin-  
-ting of you as one of the Prolectors contrary to your inclinati-  
-ons might deter others from accepting of such a Duty -  
I am happy to find you think favourably of this new  
instituition which I think will in time answer, tho  
-tho present it meets with opposition. ~~As~~ <sup>As</sup> this town con-  
-sists of party this was not to be wondered at, tho  
one might expect that every one would join in pro-  
-moting any establishment to encourage Arts & Science

I can easily foresee that the first year, in this  
place, will not perhaps answer your expectations, but  
at any rate it may afford you an opportunity of  
making acquaintances & introducing you during  
the Summer months to other places, where you will  
be received in a better manner than you perhaps  
-with out proper introductory letters -

There are some papers in your letter I can not answer  
till the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Subscribers meet, about raising 100, I can

only say this much, that I think you should not be at  
on parting expence, & what ever <sup>apparatus</sup> ~~collection~~ may be  
made for the use of the new institution should be  
contrived in such a manner as no projector  
should suffer by it, unless they choose to make  
such apparatus solely for their own use -

as I know it is the wish of all the Gov.  
& Prect. that you should accept of the offer  
to be made to you they consequently will  
do all in their Power to serve you either  
in this town or in any other place where  
you may make any summer excursion, such  
as Leeds, Halifax, Liverpool, Chester &c.

A meeting of the Gov.<sup>s</sup> is summoned for tomorrow night  
the result of their determination <sup>you</sup> will have as soon as pos-  
sible <sup>but</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>lest</sup> you should not be at Sheffield order any letter  
to be sent after you, we will wait with impatience  
your answer & if you change your Place let me  
know what by return of post what place you go to, if you

go to Derby the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Henry has another letter  
from me to you nearly as the former -

Mr. Henry & Dew send their Compl<sup>ts</sup> to you & are  
happy on the prospect of having you for an  
associate with them - There is no post goes  
from this on Thursday for Sheffield - so it will be <sup>Saturday</sup>  
or Sunday before you can hear from the Prect

who I hope will give you the fullest in-  
formation relative to the Business you  
are about to embark in as also to the  
raising of the money wanted to compleat your  
apparatus - As you intend settling in England  
perhaps Manchester may answer till you see how  
the wind blows, this need not prevent you from  
having an eye on the Metropolis on some future  
occasion - Mrs. Bap<sup>t</sup> desires her Compl<sup>ts</sup> to you  
hopes to give you a Dish of Cock<sup>s</sup> & Leeches before  
is half over wishing you success with all my heart  
A. Larson