Lexington 7 October 1824

Gen Decker

My Dear Sir

I must solicit the favor of you to have the enclosed Power of Attorney Certified & the seal of the State attached as it is to go out of the United States, the only chance of Conveyance that I shall have is by James E P Austin & It is important that the paper should be returned by the return Mail your attention to this will confer a favor on your sincere friend & Most obt Servant

L. Hawkins

The Secretary of State will Certify that W M Beam is Notary Public for this County & affix the seal of the State to the Power of Attorney

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Mis. Ex^{cy} Gov. Desha
In his absence
Secretary of State

Lexington, Octr, 27th, 1824.

Dear Sir.

I had hoped to have an opportunity to see you, before the meeting of the Legislature; but the privilege is not likely now to occur. I am desirous to have you understand the general condition of our State-Institution, a subject intimately connected with the prosperity of the commonwealth. I have by me a rough copy of a Report, which I drew up last year, and which was put into the hands of the Examining Committee from the Legislature. It was never published, and was never made the subject of any definitive measure. I take the liberty of transmitting it to you, that you may have the means of knowing our course of government and instruction. I also

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have the honour to send you a catalogue of our graduates, and a copy of the last Theses, written by the young gentlemen, whose names they bear. The condition of our university for the present season is not likely to differ materially from that of the last year. You will see, from these documents, that we give a large amount of instruction, and are labouring hard to make ourselves worthy of the patronage of the Legislature, and of the public. It is in your power to render us essential service, and to promote, in an eminent degree, the interests of learning and science. Your attachment to the cause of civil and religious liberty you have long proved, and I am

persuaded that your administration will be devoted according to your best judgment, to the general welfare of our state. It is my intention to take an early opportunity to see you personally, and to explain ~~the~~ more fully the affairs of our university. I hope to see you in our place, and at my house, and am with sentiments of great regard, yours,

Horace Holley.

To His Excellency,
Governor Deslo.

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To His Excellency
Governor Desha,
Frankfort,
Kentucky

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correct written exercises in Greek, Latin, and English. One student declaims every morning after prayers in the chapel, and ten declaim every Saturday, under the superintendence and criticism of the President. To these labours add those of the Principal of the Preparatory Department for six hours a day throughout the week.

The undergraduates have two Societies that meet once a week, and in these they find an opportunity for literary and scientific discipline, and for the practice ~~and~~ of reasoning and oratory. These Societies have also aided the government of the university essentially in keeping good order, ~~&c~~ and in causing the laws to be respected.

The Medical students meet once a week in a Society for the examination and discussion of subjects in their profession. The beneficial effects of this are obvious and great. The Professors frequently attend, and valuable debates are called forth.

The Law Students attend a Moot Court every friday, and a Legislative Assembly every Saturday. They thus become accustomed to the severe logic required in forensic eloquence, and to the forms and order of parliamentary bodies.

The Professors, who teach the undergraduates, hear five recitations a day,

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occupying as many hours, and are laboriously employed.

In addition to the numerous duties of superintendence and government, the President meets the Seniors twice a day, the Law Class three times a week, a class in Mental Philosophy as often, hears and corrects themes, presides in the Forensic Debates of the Seniors and decides all the questions discussed, opens the exercises of each day with the offices of devotion, and superintends all the declamation of the establishment.

The President's Metaphysical Class is 34; the private pupils of the Professor of Anatomy and Surgery are 51; those of the Professor of the Institutes are 26; those of the Professor of Obstetrics are 10; and those of the Professor of Materia Medica are 24. Instruction is given to these students familiarly, at appointed hours, at their particular request. Not the least interference with other duties is ever permitted to arise in consequence of this less formal mode of instruction.

The Professor of Natural History and Botany has a class of 20.

It is confidently believed,

that more service is not rendered to the members of any university in our own, or in any other country, by the same number of teachers.

IV. Rules for the Matriculation of Graduates.

The Law Students pay $5 on admittance, which sum includes the expense of wood in the two public rooms of the department, the use of the Academical and Law Libraries, the use of tables and stationery for taking notes, and the expense of printing notices and advertisements.

The Medical Students pay the same fee for similar expenses and advantages, except that the medical books are taken from the Library, while the law books are consulted in it. The Law Library is opened daily for seven hours, while the Medical is opened twice a week.

The undergraduates pay no matriculation-fee.

V. The state of the Libraries, and the Rules for using them.

The Academical contains about 2000 volumes, the Law about 500, and the Medical about 2500, making an aggregate of 5000. The two Collegial Societies

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have about 1000 more, and there are in the library of the town about 6000 volumes. Independently of the three bookstores of the place, and of several large and well selected private libraries, the students of Transylvania University may thus have access, at a moderate expense, to 12000 volumes.

The undergraduates pay the same fee for using the books, that is paid by the graduates of the two classes. The Libraries are all in excellent order, and the rules for the preservation of the books are rigidly enforced. A copy of them accompanies this Report.

VI. The Cabinet of Minerals, Plants, Shells, Insects, and Antiquities.

	No of Specimens.
1. Presented to the University, by various individuals, minerals, shells, antiquities, &c,	1000.
2. Deposited by S & H Brockett M D. a Collection of Insects from Kentucky, —	1000.
Other articles —	200.
3. Deposited by Messrs Snead and Ward, Trustees of the Clifford Museum, —	1548.
1. Fossils and Petrifactions, —	1594.
2. Minerals, —	1250.
3. Shells, —	280.
4. Insects, —	150
5. Indian Antiquities, —	

It is requested by Mayor W. T. Barry
that the gentleman that attends the
Office should Certify that William
McBean is Notary Public for
this district or County & affix the seal
of State to the Inclosed paper & have
it Transmitted by return Mail or if
an opportunity by private hand should
offer sooner their Mail please have
it forwarded to L Hankins Lexington
as soon as possible Your attention to it
will Confer a particular favor on Your
obt Servt

L. Hankins

This Mem Random made expecting the Go. to be
absent from Frankfort

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Letter concerning
Pow. atto. from Shaw
Sims to Austin.
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