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PRINCETON, *September 4th*, 1845.

THE SOCIETY met at 3 P. M. pursuant to adjournment, the PRESIDENT in the Chair. Vice Presidents VROOM, JOHNSON and PARKER being also present.

An Address was delivered by the Rev. SAMUEL MILLER, D.D.: after which the Society proceeded to the transaction of business.

The Corresponding Secretary stated that the letters he had received since the last meeting from individuals and kindred associations continued to afford gratifying proof of the interest taken in the success of the Society. He laid before the meeting communications from the Historical Societies of Rhode Island, Georgia and Pennsylvania; from the Hon. W. A. DUER, Mr. S. ALOFSEN and others, and presented a list of donations received since May. The works placed at the disposal of the Society by the Legislature he had learned, informally, were ready whenever the proper demand was made.

Among these donations were some of considerable interest. Mr. ALOFSEN presented a copy (in Dutch) of the original Journal of Capt. John Schuyler, during an expedition to Canada in August, 1690, accompanied by a translation.

Mr. JAMES G. KING presented a large volume containing copies of more than three hundred letters and papers of Lord Sterling, of dates between 1754 and 1783—transcribed at his expense for the Society;

Three Letters from SAMUEL DAVIES, D. D. President of Princeton College, to Mr. P. V. B. Livingston, of New York, the originals of which are in the Rutherford Collection.

SIR,

About three weeks ago I arrived here, and soon entered upon my new office. A Tremour still seizes me at the Tho't of my situation; and sometimes I can hardly believe it is a reality, but only a frightful portentous Dream. Indeed since I have presided I have had the Pleasure to find myself at the Head of a peaceable manageable Society; but I know myself and human nature too well, to flatter myself with the Expectation of its uninterrupted Continuance.

I beg you would send me by the first stage 4 doz. Bottles of Claret, if cheaper than Madeira; 40 lbs. Candles; 2 neat Candlesticks and Snuffers; 1 [large] China Bowl;* 10 Gallons Molasses; 1 English Cheese; 2 doz. Bottles English Beer or Porter; 2 White Stone Dishes; with an account of the Prices.

I hope to have the Pleasure of seeing you at the Commencement; tho' that will be the terrible Day of my Mortification. As I would be glad of a compleat settlement of every thing upon my first Entrance upon my Office, I am very desirous of a full Meeting of the Trustees; especially as the Governor, I expect, will have something to communicate to them, of great Importance to the Institution.

With affectionate Compliments to the Gent. in New York, with whom I have the Honor of some Acquaintance, I am Sir,

Your obliged humble Serv't,

Nassau Hall, Aug. 18, 1759.

SAMUEL DAVIES.

Mr. LIVINGSTON.

* As originally written—"1 China Bowl of a middling size," the word "large" being subsequently supplied.

SIR,

Please to send me by the first Conveyance 1 Cask good Muscovado Sugar of about 200 lbs. wt.

Affairs at College go on Smooth and easy; and we seem at least to have so much Goodness as to love one another.

This is merely a Letter of Business; and I can add no more but that, with Sincere Friendship and Gratitude to you and your Family,

I am Sir, Your very humble Serv't,

Nassau Hall, Dec. 6, 1759.

SAMUEL DAVIES.

Mr. LIVINGSTON.

SIR,

I thank you for your early Care in sending me a Barrel of Sugar. It is not yet arrived here; but I have desired the Stage Waggoner to enquire for it in Brunswick and am in Hopes he will find it; if not, I shall be obliged to Apply to you for more explicit Intelligence about it.

There are 5 Bachelors now prosecuting their studies in College; but none of them are intended for the Profession of Physic. And as for the Undergraduates they are not prepared to enter 'Prentices to any. Therefore please, Sir, to present my Compliments to your Friend the Doctor, and inform him, that the most promising Time to apply to College for young Gent.^s for his Purpose is at the Commencement and he may frequently have an opportunity of being supplied.

You do me great Honour, Sir, in presuming such favourable Things of my Administration in my present Station. If my future Management Should be so happy as to deserve the Continuance of your Charity, I shall esteem it the greatest Blessing I can enjoy in Life. But should I disappoint my Friends and bring my own Fears upon me, I should hardly be able to survive it, but would pine away and die, like an useless or noxious Plant, blasted from Heaven. All my Encouragement proceeds from my anxious Industry night and Day, except what I derive from above.

With great Esteem and Gratitude, I am Dear Sir,

Your most humble Serv't,

Nassau Hall, Jan'y. 18, 1760.

SAMUEL DAVIES.

Mr. LIVINGSTON.

DONATIONS

ANNOUNCED SEPT. 4TH, 1845.

A Course of Lectures on the Constitutional Jurisprudence of the United States, by William Alexander Duer, LL.D.

From the Author.

Collections of the Georgia Historical Society, 2 vols. 8vo.

A Lecture before the Georgia Hist. Soc. on Education, by Samuel K. Talmage, Feb. 29th, and March 4th, 1844.