

C O P Y of letter addressed to

Mr. John <sup>7</sup>(F) L. Pruyn  
Care of King & Denniston  
Albany

by S. Groesbeek  
Oct. 10th, 1828

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Schenectady, October 10th, 1828.

Dear Pruyn,

Présuming that you would like to be informed of the state of matters and things at Union College, I have taken the liberty of addressing you on that subject. I am situated quite as agreeably as I anticipated tho' everything seemed strange for a few days, for the interior of the College resembles a state prison more than anything else. The only difficulties are rising at 6 A. M. reciting before breakfast, and becoming accustomed to the bell which is eternally ringing for chapel, study hours, recitations, societies & section courts. We recite Solid Geometry to Jackson before breakfast, Blair's Lectures to Joel at 11 A. M. & Smellie's Philosophy of Natural History to Joslin at 4 P. M. - all fine studies. The classes are entirely below par - about 11 or 12 of our class recite Graca Majora - the remainder between 50 or 60 study Smellie. The College has never been so crowded - some students are obliged to room in the Halls. I room with Charles M. Jenkins of Rensselaerville at No. 43 South Section South College - the identical place occupied of yore by those mighty geniuses Messrs. Ford & Sternbergh. The old Doctor's military equipments yet adorn its walls. His coat has been worn beyond all hopes of recovery, or I should have taken possession of it myself.

I have joined the Philomathean which is by far the best Society here. James & Tounsend have joined the Institute ( be sure to inform Fonday of this ) - between you & I and the lamp post let them go. About 25 have joined the Philomathean this term - all honorable men. Further particulars

concerning this honorable body I cannot give you, as its proceedings are veiled in the most impenetrable secrecy. Suffice it to say, that it is most august & dignified.

I have joined the corps which now consists of 76 - 4 companies of 19 each. They paraded for the first time last evening, & made a very respectable appearance.

I shall be very glad to hear from your serene highness as soon as convenient, concerning the situation of affairs at the seat of government - whether Fondey has commenced the study of the sublime science - how far Davis comes on - h - in short of many other things which I cannot now enumerate, but which will readily suggest themselves to your fertile imagination.

Give my respects to my friends & believe me

Yours sincerely

S. Groesbeek

P. S. I shall probably visit Albany about the middle of the Term (Nov. 1st.)

Tell Davis he must write.

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