Orange County, University, June 29th 1797.

I was very much surprised to find by your letter which came to hand by the last post that you had upon consideration on your late resolution with respect to removing us from this, differed in opinion from what you first wrote me, to which I am very sorry as it will cause great confusion in my studies, unless you should set up with your first resolution in what you first wrote me, and upon hearing that I was to leave this on July, and not expecting that I should go to school anywhere else after this, I quit the study of Geography in order to get a sufficient knowledge of Shorthand, which I knew would be of my power if I continued the study of Geography, which I could study just as well at home, but if you should persist in sending us here after July, I do not suppose it would be impracticable to enter the same class again as it went but a few lessons after I left it, before it began to resume, but it will be much against both my brothers and my will to stay any longer than the time you proposed, as I can assure you, this place has become very disagreeable from the many inconvenience with which we are burdened. The vices of what we call habitudes have increased so rapidly since I became so numerous, that in the late engagements which they have had with us, they have quite defeated us, obliged us to retire from our rooms which they hold the entire possession of without notice, and many of the room mates having been able to sleep in my room for spans of three weeks, it is nearly the case with respect to all the rest as for my part I generally spread the tables in the passage and hour water around their feet, by which means I escaped them as they are in general bad swimmers. The steward has provided very poorly until lately, when the Trustees gave him a severe over hall, and I believe threatened them severely.