You desired me to give you a full & just statement of the management of affairs, & also with regard to the conduct of the students in general; with such allowance as might be thought proper with regard to the conduct of students in general. Performance of this request I can assure you that I feel myself quite inadequate to the performance of it, but in compliance with your request I shall give you as true an account as possible. The students in general have nothing very criminal in their conduct except a most detestable practice of cursing & swearing, which has become very fashionable here, there can hardly be a sentence spoken without some of those high-sounding words which sailors commonly use to direct one another. As to study, I believe those who are in the senior classes, are far enough advanced in years to study their own interest apply themselves prithee closely but on the contrary, there are a great many small boys, the half of whom do little or nothing, with regard to improvements; those are the ones that make the greatest proficiency in the art of swearing. I have given you as true a statement as I could, but as for making allowances I know of none that could be made in those two cases, & I shall leave that matter to be decided on according to your judgment. This paper you will relate to no person, as it should be going to be the means of spreading a report which might injure the University; I doubt not but its character will be known soon enough to its own disadvantage & consequent. My brother & myself have both had the same, he had them reading severely, & has been well ever since, until within this few days, I had the