N. Y., May 31, 1850.

Gov. S learns, De 14: I hasten to send you the design for your Alumni Hall. I was obliged to revise the whole, but the result has been to improve the plan, so as to make it such as would be creditable to any University as a specimen of classical taste, with its general character, and proportions, whatever defects there may be in the details, or execution.

I shall send a specification, and some other drawings with the roll of port folio (to Raleigh) on the Lunatic Asylum, in a few days, as I now go about to prepare the same without delay. Please say to any member of the Lunatic committee that I shall send early next week, by post, a plan of the foundations of the center building, such they with workmen will first want to fig and lay stone by.

In the mean time remain
Your respects, and truly,

Alex J. Davis.

The two capitals to the columns of your Hall I wish to have carved here, with figure of music, sheet and tobacco; and the shaft should be needed, with or without a base, as I shall determine hereafter.