Blithewood to Mr. Red Hook
Jan. 18th, 1843

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your favor of the 17th inst., and to say in reply that I will very cheerfully co-operate in carrying out the Resolution of the Trustees of the University for improving the College grounds to be. The object of our plans may be to improve it in some of the plans of their own making, or to carry out some of my own ideas. I have consulted on the subject with Mr. P. Davis, with whom I have long been acquainted, about the Hall for the Fine Sciences. He is thoroughly acquainted with his business, but his designs for interiors and also for interior arrangements, for display, and for the work of the Art Institute, are very fine. If he is to be the architect, then perhaps he might be too much temperamentally bent by his fatigues in your suggestions. He would either furnish a design, with working drawings, and specifications, for the purpose of carrying out the work, or he might assist the Erectors in the planning and making out the cost. If the funds ($40,000 for each) can be raised, or they are sufficient, and