Raleigh 23rd Nov. 1843.

My dear Sir,

Your favour in relation to Society Hall, and improvement of college grounds, etc. was late in days. Academic examination was then in progress and did not close until the 24th inst. I consequently made the return of the Trustees as necessary before a reply could properly be transmitted. I came home Saturday last to secure one, and have succeeded in the absence of the Governor in obtaining an examination with some of the members. I got myself authorized to visit the campus with a view to the execution of working drawings, the specifications were in the hands indicated in your letter, the amount ($500) required for working expenses, can either be settled to you, or paid to him on the annual time by Charles Handsley's day or upon your arrival. The winter vacation will terminate on the 6th January about which time I beg to tell you I should be glad to see the Davis. No matter if the Trustees cannot be back at this earlier day, & if this convenience will admit, I have...