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To His Excellency
Charles Manly

Whilst the Board of Visitors of the University at their annual meeting and filling vacant professorships creating new ones, are arranging the most important concerns of the institution there are certain things of the same which require attention. These would probably have been brought before the Board at their last meeting but for a misapprehension on my part of what was expected of me in regard to the preparation and transmission of a paper in which they should be set forth. They are however from their nature quite as appropriate to be considered now as decided before by the Executive Committee as by a large body of Visitors who have not time or patience to deal much with details.

1. Measures have been taken during the years 1847-8 for the improvement of the grounds around the College buildings during the first named year mainly at the expense of Governor and myself (the latter however falling here heavily upon kind hand other wise) and in the year 1848-9 there has been an appropriation of one thousand dollars annually for the purpose of these objects. The improvements extending over large spaces do not make a quiet show at any particular spot, yet a good deal has been accomplished near the busiest part of the work done. The giving of some grace and beauty to the approaches to the buildings are to the walks across them