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My dear Sir:

It is stated in only Journal that Mr Ballard's bill includes of 20,000 for a Military Hall and Gymnasium, to be called after my name. They have a large building at the ~~Cornell~~ Cornell Univ. named the "Cornell Hall" but if some generous Vermonters would donate the \$20,000 additional, which you ought to have, I would greatly prefer that the Hall should wear his name instead of mine in Burlington. I hoped de Grand Camus, Gen. Wells or some other large-hearted man would tender timely aid.