

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1876

Pres. Buckham,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir: Your esteemed favor of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. is at hand. The league between the enemies and rivals of our institution is very obvious and the body full of hostile parties will I fear stir up some opposition in the next Legislature. The Gangs, whether numerous or not, are organized and may be controlled & subdued by the leaders in almost any enterprise.

To contradict all this I wish we could obtain the means in some