

Burlington Novr 26<sup>th</sup> 1848.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George P. Mank,

Dear Sir,

We have experienced all along, and begin to experience more and more every day, the evils of trying to manage a College without a head. To be sure, we are not much worse off than when we had a President who was most of the time absent, or necessarily occupied with other cares than those of the college - not much worse off I mean so far as it concerns the administration of the internal affairs of the institution. But we were bad enough off then - now we are without a head even in name, which gives us a bad reputation abroad, and is working disastrously to the interests of the University in every point of view.

On this matter, however, I need not dwell in writing to you. The faculty feeling these evils deeply, and seeing no sign of a movement to provide any remedies for them on the part of the Corporation, have felt it incumbent on them to take such initiatory steps as they could consistently do in a matter of this sort, which does not seem properly to belong to their province - at least to proceed so far as to inquire whether there was any person within the circle of their acquaintances possessed of the qualifications which seem requisite for the arduous and responsible post now vacated, and who could probably be induced to accept it by any considerations which we have to offer.