

A. Casson

17 Sept. 1783

To Mr J. P. Bannister
Secy. in Chancery
Shelfield

Dear Sir -

Tuesday afternoon 17th ^{ber} 1783
No meeting of the Gov^{rs} of the College has as yet
been called, waiting till I received your answer, as the appoin-
-ting of you as one of the Prolectors contrary to your inclinati-
-ons might deter others from accepting of such a Duty -
I am happy to find you think favourably of this new
instituition which I think will in time answer, tho
-tho present it meets with opposition. ~~As~~ ^{As} this town con-
-sists of party this was not to be wondered at, tho
one might expect that every one would join in pro-
-moting any establishment to encourage Arts & Science

I can easily foresee that the first year, in this
place, will not perhaps answer your expectations, but
at any rate it may afford you an opportunity of
making acquaintances & introducing you during
the Summer months to other places, where you will
be received in a better manner than you perhaps
be with out proper introductory letters -

There are some papers in your letter I can not answer
till the Gov^{rs} & Subscribers meet, about raising 100, I can

only say this much, that I think you should not be at
on parting expence, & what ever ^{apparatus} ~~collection~~ may be
made for the use of the new institution should be
contrived in such a manner as no projector
should suffer by it, unless they choose to make
such apparatus solely for their own use -

as I know it is the wish of all the Gov.
& Prect. that you should accept of the offer
to be made to you they consequently will
do all in their Power to serve you either
in this town or in any other place where
you may make any summer excursion, such
as Leeds, Halifax, Liverpool, Chester &c.

A meeting of the Gov.^s is summoned for tomorrow night
the result of their determination ^{you} will have as soon as pos-
sible ^{but} ~~no~~ ^{lest} you should not be at Sheffield order any letter
to be sent after you, we will wait with impatience
your answer & if you change your Place let me
know what by return of post what place you go to, if you

go to Derby the Rev^d Mr Henry has another letter
from me to you nearly as the former -

Mr. Henry & Dew send their Compl^{ts} to you & are
happy on the prospect of having you for an
associate with them - There is no post ^{goes}
from this on Thursday for Sheffield - so it will be ^{Saturday}
or Sunday before you can hear from the Prect^r
who I hope will give you the fullest in-
formation relative to the Business you
are about to embark in as also to the
raising of the money wanted to compleat your
apparatus - As you intend settling in England
perhaps Manchester may answer till you see how
the wind blows, this need not prevent you from
having an Eye on the Metropolis on some future
occasion - Mrs. Bap^t desires her Compl^{ts} to you
hopes to give you a Dish of C^offee & Leechy before
is half over wishing you success with all my heart
A. Larson