

My Dear Sir

Washington 20th April 1842

I have received by your nephew your obliging letter, and request your acceptance of my cordial thanks for the friendly sentiments which you have done me the honor to convey in it. Your nephew also delivered me the Case which you have done me the favor to present. Its length exactly suits me, and for so beautiful and acceptable a testimonial of your regard and esteem, I tender my grateful acknowledgments.

The noble enterprise of founding a Mechanics Institute, which you have in view, is worthy of your name, and honorable to your patriotism and opulence. I offer my best wishes for its success and usefulness.

Mr. Franconia, at the instance of your liberality, has made a portrait of me, which, as far as I can judge, is a good likeness. He has succeeded in some features, in respect to which most of the artists have failed.

I pray you to accept assurances of the high respect and esteem of

Your grateful friend and

Obedient Servant

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