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Letter to Lord Kenyon

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Coby to Lord Kenyon

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Jubilee College Report

Gen. D. D. Kenyon

I need not tell you, were I able to discern how deeply I am penetrated with grateful emotions at the receipt of yr. Lordship's kind letter of the 17. of July. My D^r wife who sympathizes with me in all my joys as well as sufferings, joins me in rendering most heart-felt thanks to Almighty God for this instance of His bounty thro' one so greatly beloved as your Lordship. Blessed of the Lord must he be, who, in like circumstances hath grace to manifest his faith as you do in this instance.

I have already as your Lordship requested "countermanded" my order to Prime Ward King of York & directed them to pay the avails of yr. Lordship's gift to me of \$100 to the North River Bank to my Credit.

What gives a peculiar value to your Lordship's bounty is the delightful consideration that others in "dear Old Eng^d" were simultaneously to favour our great work of Jubilee College in like manner, so that while other Institutions are going down thro' a God's founding by my feeble and unworthy hands, thro' your bounty is looking up and prospering.

For the want of a periodical for Illinois to express our own wants & tell our own story in our own way, I had expressed to some one of my friends in yr. Lordship's favoured land my great desire of a printing press and types. Was they have attempted to procure or give me the means of procuring in this country: and so near have they come to the accomplishment of their promise that I have thought proper to commence building an office within a few

stones throw your door. Its dimensions on the ground according to the plan brought to me yesterday are 36 by 36 feet - to be built of brick of which article we have now 100,000 feet up in a kiln ready to burn within one hundred yards of the site chosen for the Printing office.

I own a small monthly publication filled chiefly with statistics and exhortations to pious duties and the spreading of the truths of the Protestant Church we hope (Crescens eundo) to be able to print chiefly of religion and morals - perhaps some of natural science especially such as relates to the Phenomena of the great western world of America.

Sometimes I ask why hath the Good God saved me through so many imminent dangers to live and see more than three score years and ten? - My mind hath answered "Doubtless I shall hath 'pined my very soul." Perhaps it was that the same infinitely Holy Being who put it in my heart to conceive the great plan of Jubilee College might be glorified in seeing me by his grace, unworthy as I am, carry it to some degree of perfection before I die. This will be done by taking me now to himself, or by protracting my life painful as it is to me a period.

We have had a very hot summer. Never was there a period of such uninterrupted very warm weather ever experienced in America. Of the sad effects of this the Diocese of Illinois has experienced its full share. and yet God be praised the summer has had fewer deaths to record than usual - altho the sickness has been general. The diseases incident to the country have been of a milder type & readily yielded to well-known remedies.

From the first of Aug^t - it has been vacation in
Trinity College - but my own duties have forced me
from home, though in a crippled state &
often labouring under a fever. How happy I am
now one more seated at my own table dining
to my noblest and best of friends I can not readily
express

I wish I had room to speak of many
other things most interesting to us: but
my paper is exhausted.

I can not close without
expressing my deep feeling in behalf of the
Prot. Church of Eng^d - all I can now say is that
she lives in my prayers that God w^d. save her
from Popery

Do you Mrs. Lloyd & Edward re-
member one who so ardently loves their
Noble Father
Phileas Charles Sen. Bp.

P. Coffey to
Lord Stirling

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