Plattsburgh July 31st 1833

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To Mr Sewall

Dear Sir

Yrs of 24th Inst. I have this day rec'd
Chasten to reply. I am indeed justly chargeable with an inex-
cusable remissness in not having before & ~~almost~~ ~~[illegible]~~ inability, & [illegible] returned my sincere & unspulfeed acknowledgements
~~for~~ the honour conferred on me by the Col. Col. through
~~of to~~ your kind & ~~generous~~ ~~& disinterested~~ exertions ~~in causing to be con-~~
~~ferred on me the honorary degree of~~ I rec'd the through Dr & Diaplomas
on the with the Deposit left ~~in~~ his hands. ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ & verily intended to have made prompt and
gratefull acknowledgement to the Institution from whence
it emanated. But diffidence ~~& an unconquerable embar-~~
~~rassment growing it of the embarrassing consciousness of~~
~~my own demerits of such an honour, deterred me from the~~
~~attempt & caused~~ ~~indeed~~ arising ~~the~~ a lively consciousness of deserving in so small a degree
the honour conferred; ~~in so small a degree~~ ~~seemed to~~ & deterred & disqualified &
~~deterred~~ me for expressing myself in terms adequate
to truth & the occasion. alike ~~[illegible]~~ Sensible ~~[illegible]~~ of the
motives. the scientific views & liberality of the College. & my
own inability & demerits; ~~the honour conferred~~ my best exertions have been exerted ~~all~~
& all my desires ~~my exertions~~, & concentrated ~~my desires~~ to merit by constant
assiduity & close attention to the sentiment the honour conferred.

Permit me ~~[illegible]~~ respectfully to communicate through
you. my sentiments of high consideration & sincere thank-
fulness ~~to the~~ Prof. & gentleman of the Col. Sher-
Reed & Dr T. & me for the ~~high honour conferred~~ respect shown
~~in~~ me by the proceedings of that in & a source
of my best efforts ~~to make proper return for~~
~~the~~ [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

I have almost been continuing my best efforts, have been continued in prosecuting the experiments & preparing them for publication, since I left Washington, though some interruptions have occurred. I have considerably extended my observations & repeated the experiments.

I have now a M.S nearly written out & almost ready for the Lyceum. sufficient to make about 250 or 300. p. 8.vo. comprising of all the origin, history & treatment of the case, all the experiments & observations, that have been made - partial analyses of Gastric Juice, with remark & illustration of such important facts, physiology as may have been developed in the course of the investigation - &c &c with enemy of the different views taken by M.P. - It will be put to press, in a short time, - & the first copies may be out & ready for distribution by about the last of October - It will be executed in this place where, I expect to remain till it be done -

I have not yet sent out a prospectus - Shall soon however, & will forward one to you - I have defered it thus long lest some thing might occur to prevent the issuing of the work, & the public expectation might be raised only to be disappointed - But it is now so far advance that I feel warranted in making proposals - Disappointments can scarcely be anticipated in the fulfilling of the essential forthcoming of the Book.

As you already known of I submitted qtus of the Gastric Juice for to Yr Profr. Dr Jones. Dr Dey