

It now that I may at not disappoint you, just  
expectations of receiving a long letter from me  
in answer to your letter of the 17th inst. I have  
commenced on a large sheet of Paper that I may  
have full room to give you <sup>all</sup> the news or that  
has fallen in any way and also that I may have an  
opportunity of <sup>expressing to</sup> ~~giving~~ you my opinion on certain the  
points, however I must not raise your expectations  
of a long letter, a great deal of news for part of a  
10-1-5-a-p from time

God bless I think speak of the state of ~~the~~ the Worcester  
Society. I think from what you say that  
I have been giving you rather too sombre  
a picture of its situation. For that I readily  
agree with him that we have not you so  
as smoothly as formerly since the death of our  
late Brethren ~~and~~ to the top of our noses truly  
told by the society, I cannot agree with him  
that all is going to ruin. He never appeared to  
me to be rather discontented before he left this  
whether brooding <sup>over</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>poisoning</sup> the ill which had occurred his  
troubles became rather towered he felt inclined to



gave all up at last because some part seemed  
in danger I shall leave you to determine but  
for my own part I do not feel so ready to give up  
every hope that all will be well again but in  
order that you may have to judge for yourself I will  
give you a history of the Society from the commence-  
ment as well as I can recollect

Last <sup>Jan</sup> February John spoke to me of establishing  
a debating society which was not to be confined to  
the students at Law in particular I spoke to some  
~~and~~ of the students who all agreed that it would  
be a useful ~~society~~ but none seemed to wish to  
be the first to set it on foot however at last

William Pickens & myself met one evening  
(14 Feb<sup>y</sup>) and resolved ourselves into a Society  
and came to some other general Resolutions  
~~of the Society~~ at our second meeting all the Students  
joined us but John & Lyon who however were  
admitted some days after while the Society  
was in this situation there were no end to the  
bills that were proposed one night and refused  
the next we continued in this situation for some  
time during which time you & William were  
admitted at last however every one says that the



humanities ~~the~~ an outline of the Lines that were  
adopted by the Jell on the 30 March 1821 -

accordingly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next term we proceeded  
to the Election of Mr & Mr B. Allen was elected  
to the position of President by a large majority to  
Reuben. At this Election I opposed Smith and  
for that reason Robinson had been in much haste  
and as far as I can judge did his duty very well  
of Smith at the old method I have been  
often. Mr. Allen was elected and during his  
illness I have through him in every respect  
disregard of the Conference which the Jell place  
at him. There were some members in which  
the work of Mr. Allen was deficient and therefore  
at the beginning of the term there were some new  
Rules brought in to obviate it. This however occasioned  
a quarrel against myself in particular  
as most of the members of the Jell by Radenbush.  
This however had nearly subsided when unfortunately  
Smith was obliged to go to Niagara which  
left the Society without either Allen or Mr. Allen  
upon his injury the Society of his being obliged to



to go to Wigan & during the day to make  
some provision for the 1st meeting day but when  
we went into a Committee of the whole and then  
of course serious measures were proposed and then  
that was for to put this money into circulation  
and no room had the Chairman taken his  
seat but Charles got whipped up and moved  
that Mr Robertson should be asked to collect  
the money during the absence of the the V.B.  
Certainly did they it rather things that one of the young  
members should be so quick in giving his opinion on the  
subject and it appeared to me as if there was a design  
among the members from the Abolition Office to  
put Robertson into the Chair in order that such a  
proceeding was directly contrary to the Constitution.  
After a good deal of debate the question was negatived  
then proposed some other method which was however  
also negatived during all this time there was a very  
warm debate particularly between Lyones Chewett  
Cartwright & myself - during this the V.B. was twice  
or three times called to the Chair to preside over  
and I assure you Smith kept himself during all  
this confusion as cool & collected as possible -  
he maintains a dignity and nerve that absolutely  
saved the Society - at length however the C. came



to a Resolution that as V.B. should be elected they  
be absent of the then V.B. & such of the for the  
year. I then move the C. should be app. V.B.  
in hopes that if that was agreed to the whole Resolutions  
would be then out by the Socy, this however was  
negated & C. was ~~not~~ elected - The Resolutions  
was then reported with the C. new in it when moving  
the question was put whether the B. should be  
run by a great opening, it was then over  
by a majority of one - we then passed to consider  
a new law to enable the Trustees to act as V.B. during the  
absence of the V.B. then of B. & this law was passed  
after having read that of our T. (H.M.) it was found  
that there was no power, of setting white men  
in the Chair. So that the Society were in attendance  
till at length the V.B. returned for their present very  
mobility until our last adjournment - we are to meet  
again on Sat. & whether we shall still proceed on the  
same manner or not has been moved. However I  
must say that I do not apprehend any thing in  
pursuance -



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~~would be no end to our touching~~ kind of affairs  
went on as they were then on the Society would  
be continually engaged in Legislation. At length  
however I moved to appoint a Committee of  
Revision who were empowered to draft a compen-  
dious and concise to lay them before the Society accordingly  
Nelson Smith James J<sup>r</sup> & myself were  
appointed the Committee. The Com. upon duty  
on their duty divided their task into the following  
Division 1<sup>st</sup> Civil 2<sup>d</sup> Criminal - The  
1<sup>st</sup> - they again divided into 1<sup>st</sup> ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
of the Society relating to the election of the  
& the admiring members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> task  
as related to the means of procedure in the Society  
which last they recommended 1<sup>st</sup> the means of  
procuring and accumulating evidence & the means  
of procuring in other than cases of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
found necessary - Accordg to this agreement  
the draft was prepared and submitted to the Society  
This draft was adopted as you may remember  
with but little alteration. Accordg to  
this case the whole system of the Society was  
altered



in the first place none but the most or harvest  
were to be admitted as members

the ballot was to vote by ballot or the admission  
of every candidate for a seat

The Election of the Members of the House was to be by  
Ballot

all new laws were to be read four times over  
some differ in days before they were ratified

On all legal questions the Bench was to  
advise Council for a decision -

One great question this year was to be a motion  
for the removal of the Bench

The attorney general was to follow the  
practice of the House of Commons except when  
acted by ourselves

No Member was to pay the town fees but

for a term day when he was one in his

place which were but paid to the C. Chamber

All members who had been once expelled

was now to be again admitted as the 10th

of July & 1st of Dec were established to care on

All accusations