

Philadelphia Feb 7. 1811.

Gentlemen,

From a conviction that you will not be displeased at receiving any hint tending to render the institution over which you preside more extensively useful, I take the liberty of suggesting the following plan.

1. To call a meeting of the Library Company in order to take into consideration, the propriety of enabling the directors to keep the library open the whole day, by increasing the annual subscription, and to connect therewith a reading room, in which might be deposited the various periodical publications of the U States, and of Europe, and also of the best newspapers.
2. To announce to the public, the wish of the directors, to increase the number of shares, to enable them to carry the aforesaid plan into effect.

When I mentioned the plan of the reading room to some gentlemen, I was told that Mr Bradford attempted it, without success. I understand however from Mr Brannan who lived with Mr Bradford at the time, that he did not open the room, although 200 subscribers had been

obtained. — The opening of the library in the morning has long been wished for by the public, and should the plan now proposed not succeed, the attempt can do no harm —

Various minor details are now omitted; but should the directors think proper to consider the subject, they shall, if desired, be cheerfully brought forward —

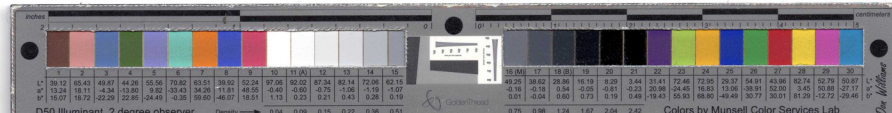
I remain Gentlemen
very respectfully

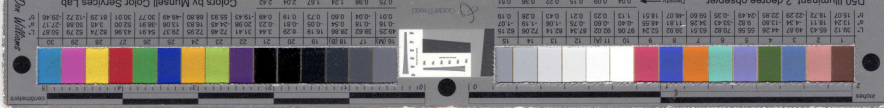
James Mease

The Directors of the
Library Company
of Philadelphia

James M. Brown Feb 1841

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Brown





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