

Baltimore, August 11. 1796.

Gentlemen,

The Directors of the Library Company of Baltimore have appointed us a committee to address you, in the hope of obtaining from you some useful information.

The Library of Philadelphia having now subsisted more than sixty years, its directors must possess a great fund of that valuable knowledge arising from experience, & must be capable of giving important advice to those, who have but recently established a similar institution. We have been therefore directed to request you will have the goodness to point out to us such things, as your experience hath convinced you it would be proper for us to pursue; particularly, that you will inform us of the best means of establishing correspon-

dencies in foreign countries, by which we may be enabled  
to furnish our Library with books best adapted to the  
improvement of literature & the promotion of useful  
knowledge.

Dear,

Gentlemen,

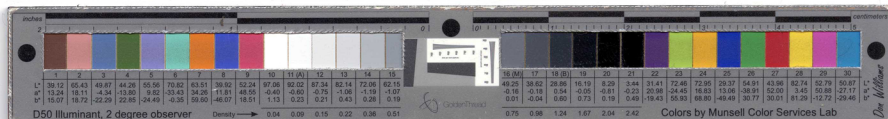
With the due respect,

Your most obedient servants,

J. Larroll, Pres<sup>t</sup>

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