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Gentlemen

The Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia have instructed us to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed Favour which was laid before them at their first stated Meeting, after it came to hand, and to assure you that it afforded them real pleasure to hear of the Establishment of so respectable a Library at Baltimore. Whenever they can render your Institution any essential Services they will with great readiness embrace the occasion.

We beg your acceptance of one of our catalogues by which you will not only be furnished with an account of the Books in our Library but with the existing Laws and Rules for the Government of the Company.

We have a standing Corresponding Committee, to whom we entrust the Business of importing Books, through the Medium of some Gentlemen in London, who have liberally consented to serve us. The uncertainty of regular supplies from Ireland though cheaper than in England, has discouraged Importations from that Quarter.

Our orders with Bills are sent twice a Year, and as from our remote Situation from the scene of new Publications, we cannot early select all the works of Merit, We therefore request our Friends to complete the Amount of our order according to their own Judgment; It may not be amiss to note that the more time you allow for completing the Orders the better they can be executed, both in binding and in examining the merits of the work. — It is our standing Instruction that the Bookbinder pay more Attention to Strength than Elegance in the Binding.

Wishing you Success in your very laudable Undertaking

We are very respectfully

Your Friends

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