To Thomas Jefferson  
Late President of the U.S.

Honored Sir

There has been established in Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. an A of the F.B.K. Society. Chancellor Hunt is now its President & I am one of its members. At the annual meeting last July it was greatly desired to have more knowledge of the history of the society than was possessed by any of the attending members. The honor of having introduced it into the United States from England was attributed to yourself. An ardent desire was expressed to ascertain the leading facts connected with its formation & progress. Since its establishment in this country several members urged upon me the duty of addressing you upon unwilling to trespass on your goodness by making what I you engagements should prevent an answer to this letter. If will I don't not, do justice to the motives by which it is dictated. Impelled from early youth with sincere devotion for your character & eminent services in the cause of liberty & science, admiring that beneficent Philosophy which has been the governing principle of your life, and wishing you a prolonged enjoyment of signal prosperity. Usefulness &

I am Dear Sir Very truly your friend & servant,

John W. Taylor