

Abingdon, Va: May 14/60

Dr. S. S. Joynes,

Dean of The Virginia Med: College,

Dr Sir, I took the liberty of applying to you through Mr John Purcell of Richmond for a Certificate of my Matriculation in the Med: Dep: of V: Med: College, in 1842 & 2 & 3, which was received on yesterday morning, I attended the ~~Matriculation~~ commenced my Medical Studies in the City of Richmond under the private instruction of the late Dr Th: Johnson, then in the prime of his strength, moral & intellectual, attended the Lectures on Anatomy, Materia Medica & Practice of Medicine, the Sep: 1842 & 2, attended a Summer Course of Lectures 1842 & 43, attended a full Course of Lectures in 42 & 43 & another Summer Course 1843. I was a constant attendant upon the wards of the Infirmary, whilst a Med: Student, I laid some claims to proficiency in my Studies, as a Student, and fully calculated upon coming forward the ensuing spring, after having attended my 3^d Course of Winter Lectures the Sep: 1843 & 4, ^{for the purpose of graduation,} when the unfortunate difficulty sprang up in the Locality, which terminated in the fatal Consumption of Dr Johnson. I being ~~young~~ a youth at the time was induced by Dr J. ~~to the extent~~ not to attend Lectures longer in Richmond, as my having been connected with him at that period, as a private pupil, would operate very

Seriously against me in the "Green Room", especially on the part
of Profs: Cullen & Warner, I was prevailed upon to leave
College at the time, I still pursued my studies assiduously
for months subsequently, when I ^{removed to} ~~came~~ up to the County of Va:
and commenced the Practice of Med: It is but justice to
the Honors of Profs: Warner & Cullen to say, that, as I left
wards learned through a friend, the impressions made upon
my mind as regards these gentlemen, were entirely erroneous,
naturally feeling a desire to receive the highest honors of my
Alma Mater, as I may almost claim the Va: Med: College to
be, I had a correspondence with the late Prof: L. P. Johnson
on the subject, He knew me intimately. He knew all the circumstances
of the case, He laid my case before your Faculty, and they assented to
my coming forward for examination, without the loss of time consequent
upon my attendance upon a 3^d Course of Lectures by the payment
of the 3 tickets, which I did not take during Sep: 42 & 42,
Before I made my arrangements to do so, my business became so
urgent that I couldn't spare the time to visit the City, ~~where I then~~
~~resided~~, I have always been engaged in good practice,
my character is known to the Profession in Albemarle County,
to a man, where I practice medicine for 12 years, (I remember
2 1/2 years since), I have always occupied position in my Profession
wherever I have lived, am now in the prime strength of my powers,
and naturally solicitous to undergo an examination before your Faculty,
the only impediment in my way is the time to be spent in attendance
upon a Course of Lectures, that obstacle was removed by the resolution
of the Faculty on account, as before stated, of the peculiar circum-
stances in my case, his letter is now in my possession, and will
be forwarded to you if desired,
If an examination can be accorded me by 1 or 15th July it would prove
a very great favor to me, and if such examination should prove