

Trinity Rectory, Lime Rock, Conn.
July 4th 1888.

Col^l W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col^l

Your two letters of June 22^d & 28th I have closely & carefully read, and find it very strange, you do not acknowledge my letters of June 15th, to Mrs J & yourself, & you do not in anyway notice the contents of mine to you; as I tho't you were a true friend of mine, & I do not wish ever to be deceived. I am thankful for the interest Mrs J, and M^{rs} D^r R takes in the "H.S.N.M. College, for the College," for yrself, &for me. I should think the pieces of furniture you describe, were very handsome & appropriate, & should make the Memorial room with its alterations, improvements, &frescoing, a very effective room. I think very often, I shall never see it, as I suffer so much from nervous debility, my health, strength, and spirits are

daily weakened by the Strain, from my efforts, to conceal, & control my feelings. I should think the additional pieces of furniture you name, would be all that was now required, to complete the furnishing of the room.— As you correct the prices of the furniture in your letter of the 28th to \$272, from the statement in yours of the 22^d of \$292, I judge from that, you expect me to send you a check for the full amount now due, is it not so? I await your answer. I am glad for your sake for the great relief, you feel in being now free, having—"paid off the last dollar I "owed in the World."— I left N.Y. June 27th at 3 o'c pm [^]arrig here at 'b 6pm &found my dear f^{ds} at the depot, in their carriage awaiting me & seem rejoiced to have me with them again, as you know I was with them all last Sum^r. Will you please tell M^{rs} D^r R. I rec'^d her letter of Jun 25th, &thank & return, the kind remembrance of yr wife to me & believe me very truly.

Jo. L Newcomb.—