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The Museum belonging to this College has been furnished rather thro' accident than design, or in consequence of any system adopted for the purpose, & consists at present of about 800 articles, most of which are worth attention. This is a very small collection when compared with those made by several individuals in this county, and it is wished to enlarge it, with a view to promote the interests of science in general.

It is therefore requested of our fellow citizens and patrons, that they turn their attention to this subject and preserve and transmit to the College such articles as may fall in their way. Many real curiosities we believe remain in the hands of individuals from an apprehension that they are undeserving of regard. This is generally an erroneous opinion. In a collection of this kind, the learned and ingenious justly expect to find a great ~~and~~ variety, and there is scarcely a single thing to be found in even the

largest collection of this nature, which is not interesting to some person. A particular catalogue of the articles proper for such a collection, cannot here be given, but the following contains some of the general heads:

Parts of the Human Body, comprehending anatomical curiosities. Of Quadrupeds - Birds, Fishes, Serpents, Shells, Terrestrial & Marine Plants - Minerals, Curious Stones and Ores of Metals, of all sorts, - Artificial curiosities, such as, Models of valuable improvements in mechanics, or machinery, for the exhibition of experiments and the facilitation of instruction in Mechanics, Hydraulics, Astronomy, or any part of Natural Philosophy.

This collection is open to the curious at all times free of expense, and in various ways may contribute to the benefit of literature, and the promotion of the essential interests of the country; and at the same time will furnish a rational entertainment to the curious at large,

a great proportion of whom, in the progress of a few years, may probably visit the Museum.

The names of the donors are preserved, in the catalogue of particulars. Masters and owners of ships employed in either domestic or foreign voyages may do us very acceptable service by preserving for us a great variety of articles which in distant countries fall in their way.

As the approaching Commencement will furnish opportunities of direct communication from various parts of this state, it is hoped this opportunity will not be neglected.

Timothy Dwight, President.
Yale College, Aug 29, 1797.

The several printers of newspapers in the state are requested to publish the above.