Chapel Hill July 24th 1843

Dear father!

Knowing, as I did, that you would be desirous to hear of our situation in college, I should ~~have~~ surely have written ere this, had not circumstances prevented my so doing. I suppose that you heard, from Dr Brodnax, that I was unwell whilst he was here. My indisposition continued for several days & indeed I have not entirely recovered yet, though I am better by a good deal. But I was so fortunate as not to miss any of my requisite duties. For we arrived before the commencement of the session, by two days, & by that time I had improved so much as to be able to attend prayers, though not without some pain & contrary to Dr Jones injunctions.

George & myself have a room together. It is quite a good room, just under that of Peter Grant's. James & Rufus Smith took a room together, but unfortunately Rufus was compelled to return home, after two days confinement, from ill health. He expressed a great reluctance to leave & I think, would have remained even at the expense of his health, had not