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Dear Brother The long expected era has at length arrived, the mountain has brought forth — the facts for exhibition are given out, & our respective fates are irretrievably detirmined. Last wednesday was the day of our destiny — It was 8 in the morning when a collection of students ever seen the tumultuously gathering before the old college. I saw the ominous little peices of paper waving in the air above the heads of the multitude. it was the signal that the spirit had descended & I hastened forward to the troub ling waters — one of the Sibylian leaves was handed me & I retired from the throng to read my destiny. — Only nine parts were given out, the

conference

2 first even 4 minutes each, the next part was a  $^$  dialogue between Ben son & Boynton of seven minutes – the next was mine. Eulogy. I am ex [?]tis 3 1/2, wether my part is the third or 4<sup>th</sup> in this division I cannot tell in either case I shall be satisfied; if I had gone much lower than I deserved, and only had a single part and the same subject I have now I should not complain. When you see how my scholarship is in college & at the least what the government think of me. Now what shall I say about it — I say that it is one higher than I expected. I thought there even about 10 above me in the class this leaves but 8 so I can't dislike my part as to its standing, and the subject is one after my own heart, Perhaps the subject is to good for my abilities — but in making of my schoolboy posey for the shrine of [?] if evils not be unpardonable to pluck a few feathers from the clasic wreath with which Tudor has adorn ed it. [?] was noble and devoted patriot, and it will be hard to suppess our enthusiasm while contemplating his character. But I need not tell

what he was; you know better than myself, and subsequently shall request you to give me some advice about writing my part — On what points of his character would you particularly dwell? would you introduce any of the anecdotes, which are related concerning him in his

life? would you alside to the oncenner in which he was define of his scarouge in which he was kiew ? By an know the latter was remachaber of might be mentioned as if a great more sequered a great death. They requiries feelogs gow will think foolich, but I shoped think a curlogy was a difficult to write. In fact then is nothing that requires more billioner and dis cumpication of thought than to deleniate with elighner a consist well the charactery of great men or draw ac email comfaci song between them, But entrigh heroes -Reten anose to be rather about family affairs than anything also to her I think afour the different menular that compor our family & I have done prequently of later, a semack schiches have often hear your make that no two opening resculted and other in our fectous or disposetions seems remarkably true stud of the analy ving them resit charo steer, the good nation, conclation & other gualities which make up ment minds an very anequally distribute in ter comface with one another, leto has the most good galler M not for me to say I have been in tree the for some time and mest now get my lepon. Do come down to exhibition if it will be consistent with gour engagements , forite pue a long letter for and tels me something) about homes from which I have the mothing since I afe as ceft the little you wrote me. With the most ardent wither for gows health and enjoyment I remain your friend and hother George

life? would you alude to the manner in which he was defined of his reason, & in which he was killed ? You know the latter was remarkable & might be mentioned, as if a great man required a great death. These enquiries perhaps you will think foolish, but I should think a eulogy was a difficult to write. In fact there is nothing that requires more brilliancy and discrimination of thought, than to deliniate with elegance & correctness the character of great men, or draw ac curate comparisons between them. But enough heroes -Letters ought to be rather about family affairs than anything else When I think upon the different members that compose our family as I have done frequently of late, a remark which I have often heard you make, that no two of us resembled each other in our persons or dispositions, seems remarkably true - [?] after analyzing their diffe rent characters, the good nature, emulation & other qualities which make up men's minds, are very unequally distributed in us when compared with one another. Who has the most good qualities is not for me to say. I have been interrupted for some time and must now get my lesson. Do come down to exhibition if it will be consistent with your engagements. Write me a long letter soon and tell me something about home, from which I have heard nothing since I left except the letter you wrote me. With the most ardent wishes for good health and enjoyment I remain your friend and brother George