

Columbia College New York
25th February 1834

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your communication of 18th inst. There has been I am aware a great practical difficulty in carrying the efforts of expending steam to the full extent that theory would show them to be capable of. I think your diagonal cum promises to run over this difficulty, and shall be very happy to have an opportunity to view it in actual operation. What I most approve about it is the admirable simplicity by which the required action is produced.

Your "Sketches" are a very acceptable gift for which I tender you my acknowledgments. I have just seen enough of it to learn that you passed over almost exactly the same ground that I had traversed 8 or 9 years before you, and I anticipate much pleasure in reviewing my recollections of many interesting scenes.

I am Sir 
respectfully Yrs
S^r D. Brewster

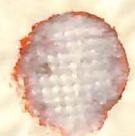
To Zachariah Allen Esq.

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To *Zachariah Allen Esq*



Providence R.I.



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