Washington 3d March, 1837.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 22d ult was duly received, and I feel that I owe you a most respectful apology for not sooner replying to it. I had hoped to be in Baltimore during the last week, and could not well determine until this moment whether I should be able to postpone my return home sufficiently to comply with your very complimentary invitation, and you have done me the favor to communicate. I now find that it will be entirely impracticable for me to remain in Baltimore, and in declining the invitation, I can only beg you to assure the Board of Managers of the great interest I feel in the cause to which they devote so much intelligence and energy, and of my deep sense of obligation for the honor which they have conferred upon me.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Phillips

To A. Easter Esq

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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