

I tell you all this, to show that we did not merely think Doctor Webster a "peaceable" man, but that we actually almost despised his want of spirit, and continually imposed on him with impunity.

Probably, however, you knew that all before — if so, & you will excuse my troubling you. You know it is natural to wish to speak well of an old professor when he is in trouble.

I graduated in 1847, but was not in Co the Freshman year, hence you must ask my classmates the facts.

Very respectfully,

James Edward Oliver

Hon. Pliny Merrick.