Col. Thomas Emory,
Dear Sir,

Easton Academy, Sept. 29, 1834.

I rec'd your Letter of the 27th. Inst. and am very sorry that my delinquency has occasioned you so much trouble. I readily admit the obligation which I was under to have informed you relative to your son's proficiency; but Sir, I must confess that my omission has grown out of my Confidence in John, as I have always flattered myself, from his integrity, and manly deportment with me, that he would make a candid and impartial report to you, both as it regarded himself & me. But as I learn from your Letter, that you have not received satisfactory information, either from me personally, or from any other source, I will endeavour, as far as my memory will permit, to comply with your request.

When your son first entered our Department, his advancement in Arithmetic, did not reach beyond the Rule of Three, in Pike's Arithmetic; his Knowledge of E. Grammar, was likewise very limited, not having, from his own Statement, studied a Rule in Syntax, or learned any thing of the principal of parsing. In Geography he was better versed, but to what extent he had gone, I am not at present able to say. In writing, he was very deficient, and I am sorry to say (although his improvement in that branch is manifest) that he yet falls short of that beauty in writing, which I fondly hoped to realize in him, Owing, in my opinion, to the contraction of improper habits in his earlier instructions. As these are the branches which he entered our Department with a view of studying, I have therefore enumerated them first. Now Sir, I will endeavour to inform you as nearly as I can, "the exact extent" which John has reached in those studies, and in the "Course of his Eng. Education" with us. Viz.

In his Arithmetic, he has advanced nearly or quite to the end, the greater portion of which he has several times carefully revised: In his Eng. Grammar, he has studied the rules of Orthography (which before he had not), and applied them in the correction of False