

19th June 1868

My dear Sir

The Curators met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the election of Vice-Chancellor, & also of the Professor of Moral Philosophy - I kept my letter open till close on the hour of part, hoping to be able to quote the result by the Cambridge Mail - but they had a long seditious,

and (as I understand, severe
discussion), and left off about
six o'clock without coming to
a decision - and postponed the
election of Principal till 6th
July. They elected Mr
Caldwood of Glasgow as
Professor of Moral Philosophy,
by a majority of seven.

There are various questions
raised in respect of the
Principalship - one is, the

the Curators the proper body to
elect to that office? Also they
have to deal with a protest
against the election of Mr
James Simpson - secured upon
them by certain members of
the Senate.

I shall not leave a stone
unturned on your behalf,
but I fear the Curators if
it is they that are to elect here
committed to Mr Simpson
is the majority of them -

If anything notable occurs
between this and the day of
election, I shall advise you
of it.

Yours sincerely
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