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Hayes, Sydney Walker

### Creator

Hensley, James O.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains a letter written by Washington College student James O. Hensley to an unidentified friend. It is largely about his finances and textbook expenses. He mentions the election of John Letcher to the office of Governor for the Commonwealth of Virginia and expresses a favorable opinion of him. He also writes about an outbreak of smallpox in the area.

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### **Letter**

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