to dine and take tea evening meal whatever. I have found here several American students, one of whom in particular an a young fellow from N.Y. named Dominick has been very obliging in showing me how students live here & especially [illegible] where my German failed as it very often does. I am already under many obligations to him and like him very much. A son of Johns Hopkins the Lawyer is also here and a theological student from Pennsylvania named Schwenitz. Have not had introduced to leave the city in June. I made one or two German acquaintances, one of whom in particular has been very friendly and corrects my bad German with much varied patience. I have been here as yet so short a time that I cannot tell accurately what my expenses will be for a month but I do not doubt that I can live there easily on three dollars a month. My dinners have hitherto cost 25 Ct, a day, but this can be reduced to 18 pence or three cents by buying dinner tickets by the month. I shall not [illegible] more than $20 dollars worth of books at present, those only such as are absolutely necessary, very few of them. I may not require so much Books are in general Cheap & bridging contract. [illegible] but I would rather be more prudent than necessary any literary or unessentially works. If I could afford to spend $100 [illegible] a year I could [illegible] accumulate a very valuable scientific library. My arrangements in the Laboratory are not yet completed. Prof Fox has no place for me. at present but will have a vacancy in 2 or 3 months. Rammelsberg has been out of town so that I have only yet seen him but hope to do so this afternoon. There will I believe be no difficulty in entering with him. Wednesday 21st Mr Schlesinger [illegible] arrived and I shall present it to day or tomorrow. Though I have still some $70 remaining. Of course I shall not draw [illegible] till there is some. the letter of credit is on very good [illegible] but shall do so today or tomorrow. Mr Schmidt the Prussian Consul in New York has been very well received. I have not yet seen him however but shall do so today or tomorrow. Mr Schmidt the Prussian Consul in New York so flattering here for a few days, and I dined with him yesterday at his hotel and was much pleased with him. He leaves for Baden Baden in a day or two. All the Americans are much indebted to Mr Fay for his kindness and hospitality. He has introduced me to a reading room and has promised me a ticket to the Royal Library. I hope he will not be removed with the rest, his house here is a very pleasant one to visit. I have not yet seen all the curiosities of the city. Many of the public buildings, such as the Arsenal, the Opera House, Theatre [illegible] are very handsome though built of brick plastered. There is no building stone to be had within a great distance. Nearly all these buildings are situated in one Place a square called the Schloss place. Their united effect is very fine. The city is so wholly modern that when you have seen this Place very little remains worth looking at. All the houses are stuccoed and there is but little variety in their appearance. The ground on which the city is built is perfectly flat and the Spree a dirty little shallow creek runs through its centre. It is regularly laid out and the streets are paved as with us in New York. Even the side walks are paved in the same way though in the finest streets there is a very narrow strip of flagging - not usually more than 2 feet in width. There is no slope of any consequence so that the water in the sewers stagnates till it is absorbed by the sand. In many streets the smell is intolerable. I have been [illegible] to see the picture gallery & sculpture galleries which are in the Museum and are open to the public every day except Sunday. Many of the pictures are very fine and the gallery is very rich in the paintings of the Dutch School, but as a whole it is considered very far inferior to that of Dresden which I hope to see before I return. The statues are considered so of very inferior character, with one or two exceptions. There are still to be seen, the interior of the Arsenal, the Egyptian Museum and the Cabinet of Art in the Schloss palace. I am pretty well pleased with the city upon the whole but I should find a residence here intolerable without my studies. Mother might spend a week here a hopeful & delightful but after that she would be glad to get away as every one is who has spent any time here. I was much disappointed in the appearance of the people, the men are the most insignificant looking fellows imaginable and the women are as Melville says in "Cotton" of the West women "fit only for another and a better world". It has rained at least once every day since I have been here and the Climate is said to be abominable - wet & cold alternating with cold & wet. I have just seen Rammelsberg and arranged matters with him. I pay him $ Thalers a month and work every day from 2 to 6 in the afternoon - he also [illegible] grandes materials and apparatus for a small extra fee. They things being very cheap here. So that now I consider my self as settled. I am very desirous of taking lessons in French as I found my incapacity to speak French a constant source

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