

My Dear Sir

Petersburg. 28 Decr 1819

Can I without apology again intrude in your time? I believe in the few lines I wrote yesterday I forgot to give my address here. It is C. Köppen's H^o.

I have engaged to obtain for one of our literary Societies some information with respect to the Polish Socinians - or rather their descendants - Perhaps one of your Theological professors would deign to communicate to me - or at least to put me in the way of obtaining the notices that may be extant - for many, many years there is quite a blank in their History - at least with us. Have you any communication with the Souman University at Claurenburg (Kolowas) - what is the state of learning there? who are the professors? Are they distinguished? Is there any printing-press at Claurenburg? Have any Theological works appeared since the last "confession of faith" that was published there? How many students are there? Could a list be obtained of the writings of the Polish Hungarian / Transylvanian Socinians? Do any biographical notices exist of Blandrata, Francis David, Palaeologus and others besides those given by Port, Sanders & other general biographers? Are there yet any Socinians in Poland?

I do not trouble you with more questions - I blush for my presumption in troubling you so much - but if you will view it as a pledge for the readiness with which my services await your bidding, I shall be satisfied; - If you will hand over this letter with the same appearance to either of your Professors who would condescend to attend to it you will add to the grateful feelings of

Dear Sir

Your respectful & obliged
friend Hermann

J. Bowring.

Frankf. 26 Jan. 1820.

