

## PAVILION IX



*Engraving of the University of Virginia, 1843-1845,  
attributed to Henry Howe*

of duck or canvass, to render it secure against all weather. For this latter work a contract was made with James F. Boyer, at a reasonable price he being the lowest bidder therefor... In the progress of the business and preparatory to entering into any contract for the work to be done, it appeared important to your Committee, indeed indispensable that they should have the aid of some schilful [sic] person in examining in detail the various bids and estimates, which had been submitted to the Committee, and enabling them to decide in the first place upon the relative merits of each bid (of which it was not to be expected they were competent to judge in finally contracting for the work) and with that view they proceeded to engage the services of Mr Shaw a skilful engineer [sic] and practical man of business... It was moreover apparent that the work under any contract they could make, could not be satisfactorily and safely done without such a superintendent well qualified to judge of the timber and work, and who would be able to superintend the whole work as it was in progress, from its commencement to its final completion, for this your Committee agreed to allow Mr Shaw the sum of \$400, which they regard as a reasonable compensation for the services to be performed by him.<sup>87</sup>

Later that meeting Mr. Stevenson for the Committee of Inspection reported that: