

Bloomington Monroe County Ind. May 7th 1828

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will receive a notification of your appointment as President of the Indiana College; and you will permit me to hope, that this invitation to preside over our infant College will be successful. The Board of Trustees have every confidence, that under the guidance of so experienced and able an instructor, our institution will flourish and become a praise, and a glory, to our young and rising State. We are aware that, your acceptance of our invitation, may cause you to make many sacrifices, and to enter upon a field of arduous labour: yet, from our knowledge of your character, we are led to believe, that where extensive usefulness is before you, privations, and difficulties, dwindle into insignificance. I can assure you however, that if you can consent to accept our salary, (which we acknowledge is less than we could wish) that so soon as our funds will admit of it, ample justice will be done by the Board, to the President, and Professors, in relation to their salaries. The Board of Trustees were entirely cordial, and unanimous, in your election; and the present Faculty Viz Mr. Hall, Professor of Languages, and Mr. Harney, Professor of Mathematics, are both very desirous that you should accept our call. Those gentlemen are well qualified to fill their present stations, and also to aid in the government of a College. Our College was chartered last winter by the Legislature of Indiana, and in accordance with the provisions

of the Charter, the Board of Trustees met in this place, and were organized on the 5th Inst. - Hitherto our institution of learning existed under the name of the "State Seminary of Indiana," -

The funds for the support of the College, arise from the interest of nearly \$40,000 loaned out by authority of our Legislature, on a security of landed estate, to double the amount borrowed.

The monies thus loaned, have arisen from the sales in part, of two townships of land, granted by Congress to this state, for the use of a state College, or university - Nearly one half of these lands are yet to sell, and will as they are from time to time disposed of, increase the funds of the College. The present amount of interest may be estimated at something like \$2,000 p. annum. No other College exists in this state, nor is it likely if we commence aright that any other ever will. I have now resided in Indiana for 16 years, and I unhesitatingly declare, that Bloomington is as healthy a situation as any in our state, or in any of the Western States - On this subject I ought to judge correctly, having practised medicine as a profession both before, and since, I came to Indiana. The Trustees have declined adopting a full system of by-laws, or giving a definite list of studies, as they wish you to have a special direction in these matters - Hence I have not forwarded a copy of either. The Number of Students at

the close of the late session of the State Seminary,
was 35. Mostly in the languages— Our next
Session commences on the first Monday of June
 ensuing— We hope that you will accept the
appointment of President, will draw students from
all parts of our State, and many from adjoining
States; so that after making ~~making~~ all due
allowances, we calculate upon having an accession
of 25 students the next Session— We have one
convenient building containing a Chapel, and
5 Recitation Rooms; and are now commencing
a new edifice 81 feet long, by 35 wide, and three
stories high, intended for lodging rooms, which
will be finished as early as possible— The
College Campus contains 10 acres— Students can now
be furnished in Bloomington, with good rooms,
boarding, bedding, washing, firewood & candles,
at \$1.25, or at most \$1.50 per week— The price of
tuition is \$10.00 for each student per annum.

Be so good as to favour us with as speedy an
answer as possible; or if you should deem it
advisable to visit us this summer before giving
your decision, please to notify your intention
that I may convene the Board at Bloomington,
by the time of your arrival—

I am Sir With Sentiments of
Great Respect your Obedt. Humble Servt.
David H. Maxwell

Rev. A. Mylin D.D.



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From Dr. D. W. Chapman, May, 1828

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 of the college in 1828

