

Bloomington Ind. Nov 5th 1828.

Dear Sir

At the meeting of the Board of trustees of the Indiana college on Thursday last, there was a pretty general attendance of the foreign members, and we had also with us, the Board of visitors.

Your views, in relation to the price of tuition, were given by me to the Board of trustees; and in conformity therewith, the price of tuition in the Preparatory, or First Class, is fixed at \$10.00; and for the other classes, at \$15.00 *per annum*.

Your own salary from the state funds, is placed at \$1,000.00, and one third of the tuition fees, until it shall rise to \$1300.00 *per annum*, with an assurance from the Board, that so soon as the state funds, and the tuition fees, will justify it, your salary shall at all times, be equal to what may be given to the Presidents of the most respectable colleges in the western states. Messrs Hall, and Harney, are allowed each \$400.00 from the state funds, and one third each, of the tuition fees, until their salaries shall amount to \$650.00, and afterwards to be increased according to the state of the funds - The Board of trustees I do know, are disposed to be liberal; and they confidently believe, that under the existing arrangement you would receive for the first year, something like

\$1200,00; and the other members of the Faculty about \$500,00 each, and after that time the whole sum would unquestionably be realized.

The erection of additional buildings, is for the present suspended—We are anxious that our institution should not be involved in debt, as this would have a tendency to destroy its reputation.

It must also be remembered, that the College is in its infancy, and that the proceedings of our Board must be submitted to the inspection of our state Legislature, where there are many Members, who are entirely ignorant of college usages—We wish to have the confidence and co-operation of that body, as we may probably have to solicit its aid in favor of the college at some future day—In short after a strict examination finds the state of our funds (which will be gradually increasing from year to year) we have honestly, done the best we could do—

It now remains for you my dear sir, to make your decision; and I do most sincerely hope you will accept of the Presidency of our college. If I know my own mind, I would not advise you to take any step, which you might regret hereafter; but I am certain that you would have it in your power to model, and give that direction to the institution, which you might desire. The Board of trustees and visitors are all very solicitous that you should take charge of the college; and

in fact an expression of the same wish, is universal
among the friends of literature in our state—

Please to direct your reply to Indianapolis, as
I shall if spared with life and health be at
the Legislature before your letter would reach
Bloomington— Believe me to be with much
regard and esteem your friend

And Ob^t Lewis

Rev^d. A. Wyllie D.D. } David H. Maxwell Pres.
B. F. I. C.

P.S. The lot of ground which you admired for
building on will not be disposed of by the owner
without consulting you if you should come to
Indiana— D.H. C.

N.B. The citizens of Bloomington will
aid in making up your salary for the
first year if it should be necessary.
D.H. C.

Ed. H. Maxwelle P.M.
Bloomington Ind.

Bloomington Ind.
Nov 7th

Rev. Andrew Mylie D.D.
Washington
Pa.

John Anderson
Johannes Anderson

