

Indianapolis Ind. Dec^r 18th 1828.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3^d ult. was received by last mail, and I hasten to reply.

The Board of trustees will not again meet until the last of April Next, which will close the present session of the college; and of course, no opinion in relation to the time they will await your answer, can be had until that time.

I would remark however, that under existing circumstances, it is very desirable to have your determination. Much anxiety exists in the public mind on the subject, and if your acceptance was known, (although you should not have it in your power to take charge of the college until next fall) it would at once remove all embarrassment from the Board, and satisfy public expectation. A state of suspense is of all others the most unpleasant, and whilst I admit that your decision involves important consequences to your self, and family,

Still, you must permit me to say, that consequences
also important to the interests of the college, and to
your self (should you accept the Presidency) would
seem to require your answer, at as early a day
as possible. Many young men who wish to enter
college are hesitating, and know not what to do.

If they cannot shortly hear from you, they
will of course enter some other college. If you
could conveniently be present at the commencement
of the next session, (1st of June) and arrange the
concerns of the college, you could then return
to Washington, and remain until fall.

It is however my decided opinion, that
the spring of the year is the best time
for emigrants to come to this state - Do
I beg of you, dismiss those unaccountable feelings
and prejudices, of which you spoke when you
were at Bloomington, and which if indulged
in, would always confine us to one spot of earth,
and let Reason make her decision. You ask
me to let you know the truth in relation to the
attempt to dismiss Professor Harny. The following

are the facts - The period of time for which Mr. Harney
had been elected had expired and he was in reality
considered out of office. When the Board met they decided
that the practice of electing professors for a definite period
was erroneous; and that all professors should thereafter
be elected, as had been done in your case, for an indef-
inite period. The Rev. James Ferris a covenanter, a man
very respectable and esteemed a good mathematician, had
on two previous occasions opposed Mr. Harney, and again
was an applicant for the professorship. As the election then
to take place was considered the last opportunity which
could offer for electing Mr. Ferris, a powerful, and
secret exertion was made by his friends, and more particularly
by some of Mr. Harney's enemies, of the Jackson phalanx, one of
whose sons had previously taken great offence at Mr. Harney
while a student of the college. Some of the party had by
downright lying and other infamous means, prejudiced the
minds of several of the trustees who had no knowledge of
the real state of affairs; and hence the vote that was given.
The plans and arrangement of the parties were unknown to
most of the Board until after the election was over. Their
scheme however failed and I am convinced it will never be
attempted again. Whilst writing my ears have been assailed
by Legislative harangues, you will therefore excuse any
inaccuracies in my letter. With sentiments of much regard

Rev. A. Mylin D.D.

Yours and esteem your friend & Mr. Schol.
David H. Maxwell

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Mr. Q. C. T. M.

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