

Bloomington April 7th. 1829.

My dear Sir
Your recent letter to Dr Maxwell
announcing & confirming your acceptance of the
Presidency have filled all the friends of literature
& religion in this region with unfeigned pleasure
& satisfaction. Of course Harney & myself
are not among the least happy: - still the
doubt remaining whether or not we may expect
your propria persona this spring gives us no
little anxiety.

If it indeed it be impossible for you to come
immediately, either from the health of Mrs Thyle
- from the affairs of the Alleghany Seminary, or
some one or more cause, it will be super-
fluous & impudent to urge reasons why you
ought to be here at the commencement of the
summer session. But if any thing be, either
in itself, or relatively important, I do assure you
it is your immediate removal hither. And
the reasons for this are very many; more than
can be properly stated in one or twenty letters.

I will, however, state two or three. 1st The
expectation of the public in this & the adjoining
states has been raised: - the expectation of your
immediate arrival. They believe that the college
needs your presence & must dwindle without it: -
they have been waiting for your arrival to send their

children. If you still delay - the public expectation will be in a measure disappointed - their desire towards us flags - & consequently their sons sent elsewhere.

2^d. We hear of 10 or 12 young men waiting to hear your decision & arrival, who we are told will go to other places, unless you come directly.

3^d. Some students - we are informed would leave other institutions - if any one could give them instruction in the studies of the Junior & Senior years - & this they know cannot take place without your presence.

4th. We have one or two in the Junior, who talk of leaving here - unless some one instruct them in the same studies, as they wish not to have a defective education.

5. Our Trustees at their last meeting, from some foolish legal quibble, as to the extent of the Charter - cut off our english department & came near destroying the grammar school - a word from you will restore all - & not until restored will our numbers be very greatly augmented.

6. We know not what course of studies may be agreeable to you - & yet some course of studies we must agreeably to our promise go to the public this Spring. If not we shall run the risk of trifling - if one that you may not approve, we shall have to alter it - & hence distrust of our capabilities may be excited.

7. As to your going eastward to visit the colleges &c. we do sincerely believe it would be greatly conducive to our benefit — & this we believe will more easily take place, and at the expense of the Board, after you shall have met them & laid all the importance of the matter plainly before them. — & perhaps after understanding intimately our concerns here, you may at a future day, take the tour with far greater advantage.

8. Enemies you know from Harney's case ~~the~~ college has — there are truly plagued at your acceptance — they will be utterly defeated by your immediate removal. If you delay I dread new plots. If once defeated, they can never rise again.

9. Perhaps the business with the Education Societies may be for the present managed by letter — yet a little delay in this respect can do us no material injury.

10. The Spring is, by common consent, the best season for a removal — the middle of summer is dangerous — the autumn may be highly so. The preceding are

a few reasons of very many — we do hope they may suffice to fix your determination. If we can learn when you will be at Louisville — Mr. Harney & myself, with Maxwell & others, will meet & escort you to Bloomington — to this we entreat you to consent, for as many reasons as are given above.

Yours very respectfully,
P. R. Hall
P. S. Mrs. H. sends her respects to Mrs. W. R. Hall
W. R. H.

Rev. Andrew Wiley D.D.

Washington

Pennsylvania