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De Sir,

Anxious to accept the appointment of Professor of Law in the University, in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Trustees as expressed in my election, and urged in their official letter to me in July last, I took time to consider of the question, (promising an answer by the middle of October,) in order that I might be able, if practicable, to remove such obstacles as presented themselves, growing out of my private & professional affairs. I am now compelled to say, that I cannot accept the situation, without a sacrifice, which would be altogether inconsistent with the obligations I owe to my family. If the sacrifice were merely personal, I would make it; but it is not, and I must make my own wishes & inclinations, yield to the necessity, which compels me to decline.

It affords me pleasure

to say to you, that I shall never have
an association tendered to me, that will
be more decided or desirable, than
that, which would have placed me
in connexion with the President &
professors in Indiana University.

I will save you and the
Board of Trustees, the perusal, of a
tedious detail of my reasons, for
declining the honor they have con-
ferred in such flattering terms, and
only add, that "The Indiana University"
will ever find in me a humble but faith-
ful friend, ever ready to promote by any
means, in my power, its prosperity.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly Yours.

J. A. Howard

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Dr. D. D. Maxwell

President of the B. of T.
Ind. University.