

Bedford Sept. 20th 1815.

Rev.^d Sir

We have been appointed a committee on behalf of the Trustees of the Bedford Academy to address you, and respectfully solicit and invite you to pay us a visit in the course of the approaching vacation of your College and if possible spend a week or two with us.

From a knowledge of your character the trustees have a wish; if consistent with your sense of duty and prospects of usefulness, to appoint you principal of the Academy.

They believe that your character and talents would be a most valuable acquisition to the institution and Society of Bedford. But they could not be so unjust as to ask you to gratify their wishes at the expense of any duty you owe to the congregation and College over which preside or to yourself and family.

If you can by any means make it convenient to favour us with a visit and after passing a short time with us you should be of opinion that by the blessing of God you could be more useful in this situation than in the one in which you are placed; The trustees will use every exertion to provide a permanent salary for you such as you may deem sufficient for the comfortable support of yourself & family.

Our worthy friend the Rev.^d Mr. Boyd has applied to the presbytery at Carlisle to be dismissed from the congregation in Bedford. The congregation have been obliged to assent to his dismission; although reluctant to part with a man whom they respect and esteem, in consequence of their being unable to raise him a suitable support.

It is the wish of the congregation & the

and the trustees of the academy to unite the offices of Pastor of the Church and principal of the academy in the same person and so far as we know the sentiments of the congregation we believe that a call would be immediately prepared for you provided they had any hopes of being able to procure your removal to this place -

Between the church and academy we have reason to believe that a competent and perhaps a liberal salary could be made up -

Should you find it convenient to pay us a visit the trustees will take care that your pecuniary interest shall not suffer by thus gratifying our wishes, they must be permitted to bear the expense of the journey - If possible bring your good lady with you that she may have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the society to which we would invite and assure her that we shall feel happy in making your time agreeable. - With respect we are Rev. Sir your ob. serv.

The Rev. Mr. Wiley

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Invitation to 1857 and 1858

The Rev. & Andrew Wiley

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