

Washington May 20th 1828

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 13th April covering a half sheet from M^r Horney to you dated Bloomington April 8th 1828 did not reach me till this morning, having been detained near a month & an half on the way. Yesterday however I received official notice of my election from Mr Maxwell president of the Board dated Bloomington 7th May which lead me to suppose that Mr H made a mistake & lead you into the same.

I had expected that the matter would have transpired sooner, in time for me to pay a visit, by you, to Bloomington, which is now out of the question. I have just written to Mr Maxwell the reasons now at large why I cannot now visit B. This vacation & promising to visit them during the fall vacation (October) or if absolutely necessary, in harvest. I received also a letter on the same subject from Mr Hall. They were both urgent & presented no doubt the fair side of the picture. In regard to salary, of which Mr H. speaks, if I go I shall probably insist on \$1200; even if I should make them a donation of \$200 per annum. My income here is \$1300. \$1000

from the college & \$300 from the congregation
& I do not find it more than enough to support
my family & leave a portion, small enough,
to be distributed in charities & providing
for the future, which last every man
over 30 years of age who has or intend leaving
a family should think, a little, about.
This however is not the reason. Observers & enemies
here know what I here am to receive (to be sure
it is not permanently paid) & they will know
& cause others to know what will be the
amount of salary offered there & if considerably
less than what it is here, they will use the
circumstances to my disadvantage & that of
the Seminary. There are who estimate every
thing by dollars & cents - a numerous class -
wise too in their own conceits, & there is
~~xxx~~ another class still more numerous
though in their own opinion not just so
sagacious, who look up to the former & think
them infallible because they have been suc-
cessful - all these take up & propagate the
opinion that a public man is as his salary.
Now, if you were travelling through Africa
where those black ants are - you would go round
one of their hills rather ^{than} run the risk of an
encounter, because what they want in 5000
they make up in numbers & malignity. & in-
deed had I the choice whether to meet a

Boa Constructor or two or three mil-
lion of them ants, I believe I should pre-
fer the ~~former~~ for an untearist. Better
to be crushed within a living circular, or ra-
ther spiral vice, then slavered over, & then
decently swallowed ~~over~~ at once, out of sight,
than to be stung, & have your flesh torn off
your bones, atom by atom, by millions of
little dodeckaped all as busy as so many
devils till there should not be left of you
any thing but a naked skeleton.
For the sake of such insects, I think the trus-
tees of the Ind. Cob. had better make the salary of their
principal be he who he may at least 1200.
They would probably attack a Thousand
dollar man, whereas the addition of two hundred
might deter them.

How things are going on here I cannot
in the space left describe to you. A decided majority
of the Board would be in favor of holding me
in my present office but things turn out
as they may. An overwhelming majority of
the Board, all but one, or at most two, with
a similar proportion of the Congregation
would be in favor of uniting the two under
my care were they left to themselves. But
Dr. B. aided, as is now pretty well understood,
by McInnerys before he left us & by Mr. Ross
whose influence it is true is not great contrived to
unsettle the mind of many. Some are timid, & like
frightened sheep know not what to do. And how things

wile end I can not guess. Mr S. Lennings continues
to preach here - & will as long as any prospect of a settle-
ment remains. The present plan seems to be to wait & see what
may turn up - Not long since I received an informal request
from some of the officers of the 1st P^{re}b. ch. Phil^a not to engage myself
permanently any where for that Dr H. & his people had their eyes upon me as
his successor. All this enters not. I cannot but feel fits of anxiety
occasionally. Generally the thought that the Lord will direct, tran-
quillizes me -
Yours truly A. W. H.

May 26th 1844
June 12th 1844

Mr Wm. W. H. H. H. H.
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