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TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D.

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MY DEAR SIR,

I have been waiting to see what would be the result of an application to the Legislature on behalf of Hampden Sydney College, to write to you, and give a full view of the prospects of that institution. In the mean time, I learn, you have positively decided as to your course in relation to the call addressed to you. My wishes were to get you back again; my judgment wavered. Your situation is of great importance we all know; and every year affords increased facilities to do good. I trust that the Lord will do every thing for us, and overrule all for his glory and the good of the church.

But who shall succeed Dr. Hoge? This is a question which I fear will not easily be decided. I do not think that our Synod will agree on any man living in their bounds. And yet it is important that the Synod and the trustees of Hampden Sydney should unite in some suitable person. I believe that we must go out of Virginia to look for one. Can you not direct our attention? I have been repeatedly running over in my mind the members of the last General Assembly, to see if there was one in that body that would suit us. I have again and again thought of Fisk of Goshen. How would he answer, considering his talents, attainments, habits, &c.? I was very much pleased with him, and next to him with Obadiah Jennings. Your position enables you to command a much more extensive view than we can. Pray let me hear from you on this matter.

TO MR. WILLIAM S. WHITE.

*Richmond, Aug. 6th, 1821.*

MY FRIEND WHITE,

I should have written to you before now, but really I had not time. I would gladly comply with your request if I