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TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER.

*Charlotte, Feb. 6th, 1808.*

“The opinion that Mr. Hoge will succeed very well at college seems to be gaining ground. He is in high estimation with the students. He is very popular among the trustees; and many in the neighbourhood who have never been thought friends to the college, have expressed a favourable opinion of him. My own opinion is that he is very well qualified to be a teacher.

The embargo has completely stopped all collections for the Theological School. The last year was a time of such scarcity, that many of the most judicious friends of the institution, advised us to wait until the present crop should be sold before we urged the payment of the money. And now we must of necessity wait until the embargo is taken off; so that not a great deal has been done since you left us. Perhaps fifteen hundred dollars have been collected, of which about eleven hundred are in the hands of major Morton. The whole success of the scheme depends upon the activity of one or two individuals. The whole energy of the Presbytery, I fear, will never be exerted in its favour. The truth is, as a body, we are deplorably deficient in public spirit. And I fear that the remark extends much farther than the bounds of Hanover Presbytery.

TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER.

*Prince Edward, March 26th, 1808.*

I have a very ardent desire to possess either Mills' or Wetstein's Greek Testament. I should greatly prefer Wetstein's, but I know not whether it can be procured. If it cannot, I would take Mills; I shall leave the matter to your discretion.

I believe I mentioned to you before, my anxiety to obtain Trommius' Concordance. I rely upon your friendly attention to procure it for me if possible.