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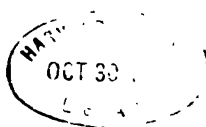
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Whilst M^r Eliott was with us here M^r Checkley, D^r Gibbins & Greaves used many Stratagems for the obtaining his Conversation, which M^r Elliott as resolutely declined. M^r Harris's conduct in this affair is admirable, he shews no willingness to receive them into the Church; I hear he has suspended Jack Torey as a nonjurour from their Communion. M^r Cutler is daily expected here to sail in Lethered to whom the oath of allegiance &c will be offered (as we suppose) before he goes, which if he refuses, we may suppose he will not meet wth very good acceptance in England, (if he takes it, it may obviate many reflections that may otherwise be cast upon him

M^r Cook is like to settle att Sudbury, & M^r Dexter has a Call to Mystick, but of these things Gerald must inform you; Gerald is in all imaginable hurry so that I cant pform what I att first proposed, butt am forced to break of abruptly, wth presenting my humble service to M^{rs} Williams, Duty to M^r Brewer &c and all that enquire after me, intreating Seriously your Prayers for a barren sinner under the Cultivation of Gods vineyard, who yet desire to have my dependence upon him on all occations.

I am Rev^d S^r your most humble & obliged Serv^t

J. Green

[*Addressed:*] To the Rev^d M^r Stephen Williams Pastour of a Church att Springfield [Mass.] ¶ M^r Gerald Q D C

CALEB SMITH TO JACOB GREEN

Very Dear & Rev^d Sir

I should have been exceeding glad to have seen you here this week, for as to my self have been so disordered with a violent Cold I tooke the Day I left Princeton, that have been obliged for the most Part to keep my Roome since my Return Home. It is seated on the right Side of my Head, and attended with a violent Pain in my Ear, I pray that God would help me to improve under his chastning Rod; alas I have Reason to be abased in the Dust that I have got no more Benefit by past Tribulations. O my Leanness! my Leanness! when will the time come that my wretched Heart will mend, without divine Grace every Dispensation will be vain.

I desire to join with you in Thankfulness for dear M^{rs} Green's safe Deliverance, may your infant Daughter live & be a Comfort to you both. I hope your Spouse is by this Time recovered, may you long be happy in each other.

By the letters which M^r Smith brought from Virginia, we learn'd that the main Reason of M^r Davies non-Acceptance of the Presidentship, was that the Presb^y there did not chuse to be instrumental in removing him from that Part of the Country, where they so greatly needed his Assistance; The main Difficulty did not lie with M^r Davies or his People; we therefore concluded to make a farther Tryal, & have put down M^r Halsey to solicit M^r Davies coming to the College as vice-President untill the Spring when we might have an Opportunity of trying the matter before the Synod; and we concluded to send M^r Worter there to supply his Pulpit in the mean Time. We have a good Dea^l of Reason to think this Scheme will succeed, especially from some Conversati^{on} which M^r Smith our Messenger had with M^r Davies on the Head. We app^ointed a Trustee-meeting the fourth Wednesday in November next, and concluded that M^r Treat should desire his son to come to the College at the End of the vacancy & assist in the Instruction untill the Trustee-Meeting, when it is supposed he will be chose Tutor, I am doubtful how he will fill the Place, but know of nothing better at present, as M^r Duffield declines coming.

M^{rs} Edwards & her Son are gone to Philadelphia, & I hear the Doct^r has concluded to let her have the Children, but the Son, I mean President Burr's, was very sick at the Time of Commencment, & 'Twas much feared whether he would recover.

I had Thought of setting out on a Journey to New-England next week, tho' it is doubtful whether I shall be well enough to go abroad, must leave the Matter with Providence, it is good for us to be disappointed sometimes, I wish for an Heart to improve all the Dealings of Heaven toward me, & to be able to hold myself wholly at the divine Disposal.

Kindest Salutations to good M^{rs} Green, with tender Love to your Children from Dear Sir

Your ever Affectionate

Caleb Smith

Newark-Mountains

Octo. 5, 1758

P.S. At Present it seems most probable I shall prosecute the Scheme of a northern Expedition. If it were possible should be extremely glad if you would supply my People a Sabbath in my Absence & I shall be willing to return the Favour.

[Addressed:] To The Rev^d Mr Jacob Green at Hanover