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Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.

My dear bro.

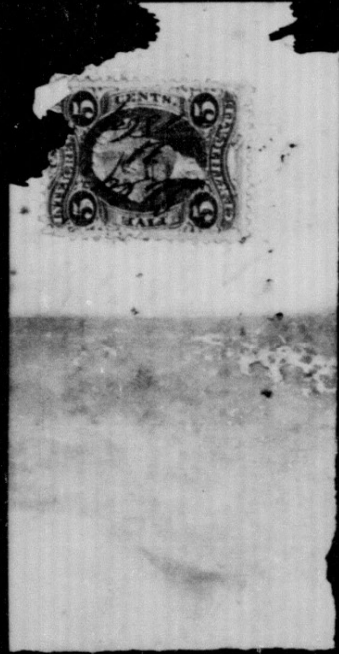
Yours of the 4th inst
reached me yesterday and I have only time
before the mail must close to say a word or
two. I am glad to learn your acceptance
of the Professorship that I may have to answer
them that inquire, and I may safely assume
you of the hearty cooperation of both Boards
in all your undertakings for the welfare of
the Institution. We will then expect you
about the 1st April. The inauguration
will not take place before the close of the
session in June and perhaps may be deferred
to the meeting of Synod. In reference to
traveling expenses we have made no special
resolution, but doubtless the Board will make
some allowance for these expenses. I shall
be pleased to make your personal acquaintance
as early as you arrive and would be glad

3. March 13, 1861

Letter to J.P. Smeltzer from T.S. Boineast acknowledging acceptance of College/
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to introduce you to my people and
pulpit at as early a day as practicable
as they are much interested in the Methu-
tons. I have my regular communion
on the 3rd Sat. in April and would be
pleas'd to have your assistance at that
time. Let me hear from you again.

With sentiments of regard I am
yours in the gospel
J. S. Rowlett.



Rev. T. S. Boineist will please pay Rev. J. P. Smeltzer or
bearer the sum of five hundred & seventy dollars & charge the
same to my account

\$570.00

June 30, 1864



W. Eichelberger.

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Pomona N.C. Jan'y 21st 61

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.
Salem Va.

Dear brother.

The Presidency of Newberry College, and Professorship of Theology in our Seminary are both vacant, and we are desirous of filling one or both of them at the earliest possible period for which purposes both Boards will meet on the 5th Feb. Your name has been suggested for either of the positions and I in connection with Rev. J. Hawkins and H. Sumner Esq. have been appointed a Committee of correspondence to secure if possible persons to occupy these positions. We do not wish to go north of Virginia or Maryland as we are a strong Southern people, and were we to get a man opposed to our peculiar institutions his situation would be rather uncomfortable at Newberry.

It is possible that the Board may only at this

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for financial reasons elect only a Prof
Theology and put him as President pro.
of the College or perhaps we may want
and elect a President and make him
orary Prof. of Theology. The salary of
er post will be \$1800. pr. annum.

we will readily understand the object
this communications thus. It is to
we whether your services can be used
these positions if elected. Will you allow
our name to go before the Board and
ie you serve if elected in either position.
haps you have a preference as to the
ultions, if so will you please to indicate
and write me in ^{rather} extensive your views
o feelings on the subject.

It is an error that the Observer has fallen
to say that the Presidency of the College
been offered to Dr. Aufspach. Dr. A. has
den, and been written to on the subject

this announcement is entirely premature.

There is a field of great usefulness open

o - for notwithstanding the stringency of

the times there are eighty or more blank
connected with the institution.

No rupture has taken place between
Board and Dr. Brown, but his relatives
those of his wife was all north of Mass
upon him and they were urging his re-
in view of the secession of the State.

Of course you will have no difficulty
this score for the general opinion is
Virginia will soon decide the present
question and bring about a final set-
tlement.

Please let me hear from you as soon
possible, as perhaps we may have to con-
municate again before the meeting of the
on the 3rd Feb'y. If you favor this course
it might perhaps be convenient for you
met with us at that time.

With sentiments of regard I am

Yours in the Gospel

W. S. Brown

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Pomaria S.C. July 6/61

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.

Dear brother.

Your reply to my letter of inquiry came to hand a few days since and your name was presented to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary which convened yesterday. I have just returned home from the meeting and have the pleasure of informing you in my official capacity that you were unanimously elected, every member of the Board present voting for you, to the Professorship of Theology.

We shall be glad to hear of your acceptance, or to see you on a visit at as early a day as possible, that the arrangements for your removal among us may be consummated as early as practicable. I shall be much pleased to have you stop with me at Pomaria on your way to Newberry and will with pleasure accompany you to head quarters.

I reside but about 3 miles from Pomaria
and will upon being notified what day you
will be there, meet you with my conveyance.
I would be very much pleased to have a
long conversation with you when you could
understand to your complete satisfaction
the reasons which caused Dr. Auzpach, ~~Dr. B.~~
and Brown in such quick succession.

It suffices for the present to say that these reasons
were entirely personal. I'm sure you will also
receive (perhaps by this mail) official notification
of your unanimous election by the College
Board as President pro tem of the College.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am
yours in the bonds of the gospel

J. J. Cornick

Sec. of Sem. Board.

Rev. T. S. Boinest

Salem, Paanooki

Feb. 11.

Dear Bro.

I am in the receipt
of your communication, dated Feb. 6th,
informing me of my election to the Prof.
Theol. in the Theol. Sem. Newbury S. C.
I have also received a letter from H. Sumner
Sec. of Board of N. Col. stating my election to
the Pres. pos tem. of that Institution. You
my thanks & grateful acknowledgements to
the Board of Directors for the confidence &
trust its members ^{have} reposed in me. I
feel inclined to accept the appointment,
& at present know nothing to the contrary.
You may expect my final answer in a
few weeks.

I feel the responsibility that will

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March 4th 1861.

Rev. J. G. Binnet

Sec. of B. of Directors of the
Theol. Sem. Newberry S. C.

Dear bro.

My Election,

as Prop. of Theol. in the Sem. of which you are
Sec. of the Board, ^{of directing} has been carefully & prayerfully
considered. I have concluded to accept the
position thus tendered to me. In doing so,
I feel the responsibility resting upon me, in
the advancement of the Institution more
my care. It is enough to make a more
courageous heart tremble, when it is known,
that it is the only Theol. Sem. of the Sath. Church
in the South; that it will devolve upon its
Prop. to give expression to the ministry, that
shall hereafter enter our Ch. in the South. I

that
feel no little task is before me. I shall come
with my whole soul & mental abilities in the
work; to labor & plan for the prosperity of
the Institutions, for the promotion of the
interests of our Suth. Zion, & for the advance-
ment of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

If it should hereafter prove that the Board
made a great mistake in the choice of their
Prof. it will not be for any want of attention
or energy on my part, but because I am
too weak for the work.

I hope to have the united cooperation
of the Board in every laudable enterprise,
as well as the encouragement your Prof.
will evidently need. Thus our united
efforts, with the blessing of God, (without
which nothing good will prosper), may
tend to place the Sem. on an equality with
other Institutions of the same kind.

You may expect me to commence my
duties about the 1st of April prox.

Will the inauguration take place before
I commence my labors as Prof. on my arrival
at Newbury, or at the close of the present
session? Please inform me so that I may
prepare. If it will take place at the close of
the session I will make no preparation to
this end until after my arrival.

In reporting my acceptance of the
Prof^{ship}, to the Board of Directors, please tender
to them my grateful acknowledgments for
the favor thus conferred, as well as the duties
thus imposed on me.

I remain

Your obedient servant &
Brother in Christ,
J. P. Smeltzer.

P.S. Nothing has been said about expenses
either by yourself or H. Sumner Esq. to the Col.
& Sem. defray expenses of moving or a part of them
or not?

Write immediately that I may know you have
received this my acceptance.