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Augusta Ky
Jan 28th

Rev. James B. Finley

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Recd
J. B. Finley
1834



Augusta College
25th Jan 4 1834

Dear Brother Finley

The semi-annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Institution occurs on the first Wednesday (5th day) of February. It is the duty of our Secretary to give you official notice of this, but as I understand he neglected ^{it} on a former occasion, I take the liberty of advising you myself.

You are of course aware that at an early stage of the present Session Dr. Lamberton resigned his office; & also that Dr. Bangs, whom the Board appointed in his place, has declined accepting; so that we are without a head. The Faculty was weak even before Dr. T.'s resignation; & as, on account of his impaired health, he could perform but little labour. That little, however, thrown upon those whose duties were already sufficiently arduous, has rendered the labours of some of us oppressive.

No person is now spoken of to supply the office of president; nor (I am assured) will any be nominated without consulting the views of the Conference. It is important that we should not remain long before the public in our decapitated condition; it is still more important, however, that the place be filled by a

thoroughly qualified person.

In our present circumstances we require, & very much desire, your advice; & that you might have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with our Condition, could you not so arrange your business, as to spend a week with us? It were very desirable that you should be here some days before the meeting of the Board. Still I am confident that nothing is intended at this meeting in relation to a president, except you have something eligible to propose. Our Examination commences on the 12th.

When I lately visited your city, to get some printing executed for the College, I had not the pleasure of seeing you, & of making some communications to you personally; as you were absent. However I hope we shall have the benefit of your attendance at our approaching meeting.

It would be very gratifying to me if you would come to my house immediately on your arrival, & make it your home during your stay.

Yours affectionately

J. H. Fielding