

Dartmouth College Dec 23, 1776

Dear Sir -

Yours by Mr. McLean came safe. I was glad to find in it a profession of your respect to me as your patron, and was really sorry you had engaged yourself again without my advice. I did not well like your continuing at college as you did the last year, but was told in your favour, that you were Supported by a legacy which you could not have the benefit of any other way - and have been from time to time told you designed to be here soon and accordingly have been expecting you and almost impatient with your delay. I have never liked well your staying away except while your indisposition of body required it and for no other purpose but reserve your health, and I am now quite clear in it that it is far better for you to be here than where you are not withstanding the good abilities & friendship of Mr. Russel and his generous offer made you (on which account I think you are obliged to him) but as the grace of God has been and still is in some degree manifested to the students of this infant Seminary, you may be under advantages to acquire more and clearer understanding in things most important and necessary for a spiritual guide, in one month, then you can in many where you can have no opportunity to see these great truths exemplified, & were you my own Son there is not any small consideration that would tempt me to forgoe that advantage. I had made provision for you & designed to treat you as I do the rest of your class, can hear some Class as you should chuse which would pay for your board and be devoted to such studies as might be most subsdrvient to fitt you for the business of your life - as to your board I shall be ready to do any-thing that is fatherly & proper in that point -

I would have you come to me as soon as you can I have many things to communicate to you, which are not convenient to be transmitted by letter - I have had no letter from Mr. Brainard of a long time tho I have often heard since last September one was on the road.

Please present my compliments to Mr. Russell and spouse Dr. Woolcott & his and except

fatherly affection

from

Yours

Most affectionately

Eleazar Wheelock

P.S. Give my love to
your mother & family
I have wrote in utmost haste

Allen Mather A B

Dartmouth College Dec 22 1791

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& Spous I Dr. Woodcock & his and accept
fatherly affection
yours

Yours affectionally
George Mather

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I have wrote in utmost haste

George Mather M^r

To Allen Mather M^r
Sept 23. 1776.