

Middlebury, Oct 13. 1817

Dear & Respected Sir,

I arrived at this place on Friday the 10 inst. having previously learnt that you were appointed President of this College. To day I learnt with surprise that your appointment had not been forwarded the Secretary having thought it expedient to wait till my return. Having had company this evening & being about to leave town in the morning at an early hour, to attend an ordination, I can write you but few words.

You perceive by the enclosed special communication that the Prudential Committee may allow you any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars. I have conversed with but one of them on the subject but he & myself makes a majority of the Committee and we have concluded to allow you the whole sum of \$200. A part of it will be money and the rest will consist in furnishing teams ^{& carriages} to remove your family & effects. —

We feel great solicitude that a council should be called as soon as you deem it admissible that we may know the result. I shall write to you again and in the mean time shall be happy to have a letter from you informing me what clergymen compose the council &c.

Will it not be suitable that some individuals of the council should be persons who do not live in your immediate vicinity?

Yours with respect & esteem

Thomas A. Merrill

Supposing you may wish to turn some attention that way I enclose a list of the classes here

Mr. Morris's
Letter Dec. 13, 1844

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The Reverend Father Bates

Derham
Mass.

