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My dear Sir *to Nathaniel Coler*

In order to save your Brother the trouble of recollecting all I should say, and to write it; I prefer thus to occupy a part of a sheet of paper which he will fill up. First let me desire you to keep up your spirits, and nextly tell you, that you are a poor diplomatist I fear. No Bishop can refuse ordination to you on the score of age, provided you are a graduate and furnished with the siquis and title--again, if a Bishop did make objection, it would be on the score of private education, not age. In order therefore to be thoroughly furnished against obstacles, your best course is decidedly to go to College. But thither again you cannot yet go--for a Batchelor of Arts at least must enter you, and say that "He has found you tolerably competent in Latin and Greek"---You might be entered in a year with much diligence, that is on October 1833, 12 months. St. Bees is a failure I much regret--and think it might not have been so. Now you must calmly and quietly make up your mind. The terms you mention are very high, (I mean 100GG's) college for a does not exceed 80, and the possible objection of the Bishop is obviated thereby. But you are so much better a judge than I can be of the most suitable proceedings, that I can only advise a careful but firm decision for yourself from yourself---YOu abuse the Whigs to my great amusement, they are methinks likely to make far more work and employment from their mere blunders, than their predecessors made from design and intention. Miss A. begs to be remembered with our best compts. to Mr. Lake

Believe me  
Yours in haste  
H. Atkinson

*Enclosed in letter from Edward to his brother Nathaniel*