

College of New Jersey.

Princeton, N. J., April 25 1878

My Dear Dr. Dawson

The two institutions the College and Theological Seminary were able to combine in your favor. ~~We~~ We got an endowment of the chair for the College and a means of getting a thousand dollars a year from the Seminary. This is still I believe offered to you. If it is not accepted by you then the understanding between College and Seminary is dissolved and each will look out for itself, our promise of an endowment for the College being no longer binding. The Trustees of the Seminary met here yesterday. I did not bring the subject before them, as I had no promise from you. I have no idea what the College may do on the supposition that you decline. We need a palaeontologist. But before we get any thing arranged there must be much private talk and the securing of the friends who promised the endowment for you but did not promise it to any other.

It is very kind in you to offer us aid
~~in~~ after your college work is over. But
the Seminary closes about the 20 April and
the teaching a week earlier. We have a ^{the College}
third term of five or six weeks teaching
closing with two weeks examinations
But it is difficult to get any new subject
introduced. If you could give us a course
of paleontology in Sept and Oct ^{or Nov} we might
be able to give you a decent remuneration

I am still able to hold the offer
before you. If you positively and finally
decline I am entirely out in my plans
for the present. I may see light by the time
of the meeting of the College Trustees on
June 17. Yours truly

James W. Colver

