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Letter to Rufus King

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10 The Hon.
 Rufus King.

Northampton Ohio.
 Jan. 25th 1820.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Chester Griswold
 who went on last summer from
 this place to solicit funds for our in-
 fane seminary said he had the hon-
 our of an interview with you; and that
 you had the goodness to speak favoura-
 bly of our applying to Congress for aid
 in the grant of lands to our College.
 Under the impression which this in-
 telligence has created I beg leave now
 to address you; and to solicit your pa-
 tronage to the petition which accompa-
 nies this.

I know not the minds of the Mem-
 bers from our own State. I know Messrs
 Hughes Beecher & Brush; the others are
 strangers to me and the most of the
 petitioners. If by your kind address
 they could be influenced to come hear

tily into the measure, we should owe
much to you. To those whom I know
I shall write simultaneously with
this.

To my knowledge of your character
would I could add a personal acquaint-
ance to justify me in addressing you
as I feel on the subject alluded to in
this letter. The interests of learning
morality & Religion are so interwoven
with the fate of our ~~Republic~~ that
a ~~single~~ be like a death blow to us
to hear of its failure. May we be
spared the pain of such an event by
your interference in our behalf.

My Son Philander will soon be with
us - On him under Providence we
rely much for aid in conducting our
Institution to fame and usefulness.
Educated as he is ~~not~~ the first semi-
nary in our Country we think we
are not deceived in our expectations.
Let not then our laudible expec-

Thou in coming into this wild coun-
try be blasted.

Any information you may require
farther than is expressed in the pe-
tition itself, I will endeavor ^{now} at your
request to send you as soon as may
be.

That the Good God may
ever have you in his holy
keeping, direct you in all
your ways and further you
with his continual help is
the prayer of Dear Sir
H

Sp Charles One
Jan 25 1820
hands for Edward

Very respectfully
Yours
Hon: John W. Hall

May 1820 #16