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Letter to Bishop Bedell

Charles Pettit McIlvaine

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Dear Sp.

You will get this &
one I wrote last Ev. by the
same mail.

A committee of Christ Ch.
has been with me & informed
me they have voted a call to
Grammer & Mr. Probasco has gone
to see him with the St.

They feel exceedingly troubled
about the state of their Ch.
They feel the imminent need
of getting a Minister as soon as
possible - they had heard about
Eccleston whom I had mentioned
as your informant & thought
he would not suit & (what
frightens me) it is manifest

that if Governor does not
accept or some better whom
they will surely fix on in his
stead & that should in his place -
they will call Schuyler for
Louis - & then because he is not
assented to a part & the rest
will give way - to get a minister

I really am frightened at
this alternative - It would be
dreadful - for though Mr D. is
a moderate R. Churchman, his
sympathies are not at all
with us - & it would be con-
sidered as great a triumph
to R. Churchman, as the
taking of Richmond to our
Gov^r -

Under these circumstances
I hope G. will accept - greatly
as I dislike to have him any
from Columbia -
Can you think of any one

else? What of Chambley?
By the way the Rev.
Mr Kelcey, once a Pres^r - minister
graduate of the Princeton Sem.
now Episcopal minister & recently
in charge for Ladies Seminary
in Phil^a - reading the news
said to be a fine scholar - twice
elected Pres. of a College in Tennessee
has written some for service in
G. - I wish you could hear
all about him.

Yours affectionately
Chas. P. McSwain