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Letter to Colonel Moore

Philander Chase

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To Col. Moore of Ottawa

Copy

K.C. 371005

Very D. Sir

I have lately rec^d. a letter from Col. Murray and also one from good Mr. S. Brown; - in the latter your name is mentioned with much respect, all relating to the subject lately talked of by yourself and me at your residence, viz the project of locating my Seminary in the neighborhood of Vermillion.

The shortest way for settling the question whether one word more is necessary to be said on this subject is for the Land Holders to sign the following paper, or form of obligation viz.

We the subscribers, in order to enhance the value of our ~~landed~~ estates or property near Vermillion River Illinois do promise to give to Bishop Chase the number of acres of land affixed to our names as an inducement to locate his ~~contemplated~~ Seminary of Religion and learning thereon or on some part thereof. and we hereby promise to convey the same to him in the usual form ~~the~~ by deed as soon as he shall have executed a Promissory obligation binding himself in the penalty of five Dollars on each and every acre subscribed to locate his Seminary thereon &c. pro

ued in the erection of his buildings as soon as may
reasonably be: and we furthermore agree that the
selection and limits of the land thus given shall
be left to the judgment and mutual agreement
of Col. Moore of Ottawa, Skidde Chare and that a
copy of this instrument be sent to those gentle
men respectively immediately on

N.B. This Land Substitution is understood not to interfere
with other ^{improvements} sections in money materials for building
or work.

Now to Col. Moore I desire you will
have the goodness to take copies of the above
and send them to whom you please. (Col. Moore, Th' Middle, & Channing &c &c)
If you
wish them to have any weight on my mind
when they return, (if return they ever do) you
will be pleased to be exact in the transcript;
for I have my reasons for every word I
have written.

Remember to notify the Principal
Land Holders that unless four sections be
subscribed as a donation in the amount and
one among them entire and the others as
contiguous as may be the plan will most
surely fail. This is a preliminary

I am now on a tour of duty to the south &
middle part of the Diocese. I shall be at the
Robinson in about 3 weeks from the date of
this.

With sentiments of very great respect
I am very Dr. Sir

Your faithful Friend &
Thos. L.

Philander

Peria Oct 5.
1857.

Copy to
Col. Moore of
Ottawa

Dec 5-1877.

Col.

me

Moore

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