

Smithfield Va

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

Capt W. H. E. Morcocke.

My Dear Sir

Your notice of  
The meeting of the Board  
was received a day or two  
ago & I had expected up to  
this evening to attend but owing  
to the fact that the steamers  
schedule would have detained  
me from home nearly three  
days I could not attend as  
one of my children is unwell  
at this time, if it had been  
appointed so that I could have  
gone over one day and returned  
the next I would certainly have  
attended the meeting if you fail



to get a meeting of the Board  
and think it essential that I  
should come, let me know I will  
be on hand <sup>promptly</sup> with best wishes for  
the old college and its Professors  
Officers

I am very truly yours

Wm. W. L.





