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Mrs. Com. H. E. Morecock,
Secretary of the Board of Visitors and Governors
of the College of William and Mary.

My dear Sir: Fully appreciating the honor conferred upon me, by my election on the 17th day of January last, as a member of your Board, still I must inform you of my inability to serve. I have postponed this announcement as long as possible, for I had intended, if I could be present at your meeting of the 3rd inst. to serve, and have hoped to be present until within the last day or two.

I must ask you for me and in my name to thank the members of the Board who were so kind as to honor me by my election, and assure them that it is from no lack of interest in the Ancient and Historical College of William and Mary, nor because I have no good wishes for its prosperity, that I decline this honor. My inability to attend your meetings and give that attention to the duties which may otherwise devolve on me as a member of your Board, alone prompts me to decline what I could not, under other circumstances, but accept as a privilege. I am, very truly yours,
Wm. W. Old.

Letter of
Wm. W. Aldrich
1877 July 3rd