

Honourable and Reverend Sirs

Hackensack June 23. 1784

After endeavouring as in the presence of God to deliberate upon and duly to weigh every consideration on which I could possibly fix in relation to the Call with which you have lately honoured me - I am constrained from principles of prudence and (as I conceive) Christian duty to decline the acceptance. — I am the more pressed to this by that total silence with which the Reverend Synod of our Reformed Church has lately treated this Act of the honourable Board when presented to their view for the purpose ^{as I conceived it} of promoting my acceptance in a way consistent with their dignity.

Convinced that the most extensive and determined Interest is requisite to raise and finally to establish Queens College in that state of eminence which every of its real Friends wish it to enjoy, and having reason to fear that any acceptance off, or any longer retaining the Call, may prove materially prejudicial to its success; I therefore humbly beg you would again accept of it. together with my most hearty thanks for the honour done to me, and the unwearied exertions expended both for my person and abilities.

I sincerely pray that the God of Wisdom and Goodness may direct you in your future deliberations, and ~~may~~ confer the best of his blessings upon your pious and unwearied endeavours that the Institution

*Committed to your care may yet become equally subservient to the
cause of Truth with the most extensive of your Views or Wishes
I have the honour to be*

Honourable & Reverend Sirs

Your most obedient & devoted Servant

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Letter from the
Rev^d S. Komeyn
June 23^d 1704

Wm. Brewster

The Honorable the Trustees of Queen's College