

New-York. July 27. 1831

Gentlemen

Your communication of
the 20th instant has received ^{my} serious con-
sideration, and although shrinking at
my own temerity I have come to the
conclusion that I will accept the invi-
tation it conveys, and enter upon
the discharge of the duties connected
with the care of Thomas's Parish im-
mediately.

In taking ^{upon} myself so weighty and
responsible a charge, it is I need hardly
apure you with the most unfeigned
sense of my own manifold deficien-
cies, yet even the offer has been
laid before me in such a manner &
attended with such circumstances
as to induce me to think that, in accept-
ing it, I am following the leading of
Divine Providence which it would be im-
proper for me to decline —

It is under this perturbation that
I feel encouraged to undertake a
charge so arduous & ~~so responsible~~,
still I ~~feel~~ that my inexperience will
compel me often to claim ~~some~~ ^{that} indul-
gence from the members of the congre-
gation which I have reason to hope
they will be ready to extend towards me.

From various causes I feel a concern
for the parish which I could not at
the commencement ^{entertain} feel for any other.
And this while it will naturally stim-
ulate me to exertion, will also make my
labours the more pleasing to myself.

Being ^{now} to express to the
Meeting the ^{feeling} which I cannot but feel for
the honour ^{of the cause} of the ^{liberty} of the ^{human} race in visiting me
to such a situation, & for the great liber-
ality shown in the salary offered I am

To Isaac Lumsden Esq. Secy.
Mr. Neilson } Committee
W. H. Jephson } Secy of the Human Ch. A. S.

Reply to Call of St. Thomas
Ch: ch. York - Accepting -
July 27. 1836.