New Orleans July 29th 1830

Reverend & dear Sir

A graduate if I mistake not, is entitled after two years to the degree of A. M: and thinking it may be of advantage to me as now situated - I beg that it be conferred -

Bishop Cobbs wishes me to take charge of the School at Tuscaloosa as soon as possible, and it is my intention to do so in September next if I can get released from my present engagements - which I hope - I have been engaged since last November, in the family of C. H. Cleveland, in preparing two of his eldest sons, for advanced classes in the University - My duties are therefore far pleasanter than those of last year. I have read a great deal of Latin and a fair amount of Greek. For my Theological studies, ten

time is less than may be supposed, yet I am moving on it tolerably steadily if not rapidly.

There is much sickness on the plantation, among the whites, although the season generally is not sickly. Fruit is in abundance. The appearance of the worm in the cotton causes much alarm for the crop from a failure.

The present aspect of political affairs spreads a sullen gloom on the face of almost every man I meet. May God in his mercy avert, what seems to me almost inevitable.

With the kindest remembrances I remain truly your obdt Servt

J. W. Fisher

P.S.

The inclosed note is an humble donation to the College Library, to be employed as you may deem most proper. Please present my best regards to Benjamin.

Yr. ob.

J. W. F.

Revd Benj. Hale D.D.

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