Revd & dear Sir,

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your kind letters of the 5th and 12th Inst; and the interest you have taken in my properly understanding the office to which I have been elected at Washington College. If I thought I could have been of any benefit to our noble youth, I should not have hesitated to give my services, but the position is new to me, and I have not seen that I could be of much good. I have stated to the Comm. of Trustees the objections which have occurred to me, in my filing the station, and will be governed by their judgment.

I am very glad that you have returned to the exercise of your sacred profession, for there is no labour so beneficient, so elevated and so sublime, as the teaching of salvation to every man. I hope your career on earth may be crowned with success, and ever-lasting peace and happiness your portion in Heaven. Mrs. Lee and my daughters unite in kindest regards to Mrs. Pendleton and your family

and I am most truly yours

R E Lee