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in the present Condition of the County, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace & harmony & in no way to oppose the policy of the State or Fed Governments, directed to that object. It is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the young, to set them an example of submission to authority, & I could not consent to be the cause of animadversion upon the College.

Should you however take a different view, & think that my services in the position tendered me by the Board will be advantageous to the College & Country, I will yield to your judgement & accept it. Otherwise I must most respectfully decline the office.

Begging you to express to the trustees of the College my heartfelt gratitude for the honour conferred upon me, & requesting you to accept my cordial thanks for the kind manner in which you have communicated its decision,

I am Gent^n with great respect
your most obl Servt

R E Lee

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