

(AS)

+

Albany February 7th 1842.

My dear Bishop.

Mr. Macclay proceeds this morning to New York and among other objects of his journey is to lay before you a statement of the present situation of the school question in the Legislature - and receive your advice thereon. He continues under a belief that it would be wise to report a bill with provision for Territorial districts and electoral organization, going at the same time from the Commission to omit paying districts, when they are unnecessary. My most anxious consideration has not resulted in satisfying me that we can safely and wisely depart in the plan to be submitted to the Legislature from that upon which we now stand so firmly and so triumphantly - I fear not that a new plan ~~would~~ be made odious and the odium of extortion fall upon you and the claimants - At the same time Mr. Macclay is sincerely and earnestly desirous to ascertain the result. I trust you will consider the subject in all its bearings and advise him as shall be best believing that I have no desire but to see the great object accomplished in the best and most effectual manner - I remain my dear Sir most sincerely
 William A. Stevens -

