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Rev. & Dear Sir,

I have duly pondered the Subject of the agency proposed to me by your Committee; and have come to the conclusion that I cannot undertake it. The principal reason of my decision is, that, should I endeavor to do what & to do as much as you would expect & as many can perform, I have reason to fear that my health would fail.

I would inform you, however, that probably Mr. Brainard, who is a member of my class in the Sem. & who as an agent would be far superior to myself, might be induced to undertake the agency you proposed to me. I have ^{had} some conversation with him touching the matter & he seems to view it rather favorably. He is one who will command respect on account of his talents. He is a good scholar & at the same time a matter-of-fact & business-like man. I should have recommended him when you was here, had I not failed to think of him, as he was then absent. I hope you will obtain him.

Yours with great respect & esteem
A. Bullard Jr.