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**William Smith letter to William White**

1786 September 11

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**Summary**

**Creator:** Smith, William, 1727-1803

**Title:** William Smith letter to William White

**Date:** 1786 September 11

**Size:** .01 linear feet (1 item in 1 folder)

**Source:** Gift of John S. Kennedy, 1896, as part of the Emmet Collection.

**Abstract:** William Smith (1727-1803), Episcopal clergyman and educator, was the first provost of the College of Philadelphia (University of Pennsylvania) and first president of Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. William White (1748-1836), Episcopal clergyman, was the rector of Christ Church and St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, and first presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. William Smith's letter, written at Chester, Maryland, 1786 September 11 to Rev. Dr. White at Christ Church, Philadelphia, forwards a letter (not present) from Dr. Murray; mentions his plan to go to Annapolis the following week; and asks for White's opinions, prior to the upcoming General Convention of the Episcopal Church, regarding "the requisitions of the English bishops."

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### **Names**

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