Hartwick Seminary Jul 23d 1826

Mr Peter Whitaker

Dear Sir,

The bearer of this line is Mr Hayunga who has just finished his theological studies in the Seminary entrusted to my charge, who intends to present himself to the Synod at our next meeting Sept 3d at Coblesskill in the county of Schoharie to receive licence to perform all ministerial acts. You had intended to call the Revd Mr Jacob Senderling, but his present congregation are not willing to part with him, & being born in the State & feels an inclination to stay & thinks that he could not be happy under any other government. He writes me, that your congregation had paid him a sum of money to aid him in his travelling expenses which he will send back by Mr Hayunga when he shall see him at the Synod. He would undoubtedly have done it now were the distance not so considerable & the time so short.

I can recommend Mr Hayunga to your congregation as a young man with whom I am well acquainted, he having studied with me for 4½ years, & has been tutor in the Seminary for the last year. I trust you will find him a pious & zealous minister of the gospel, who is willing to do all in his power to raise your congregation to respectability, with the blessing of divine Providence; & I think, that in many respects he will suit you better than Mr Senderling, particularly because Mr Hayunga understands both the German & the English language.