

Tuesday 13th December 1949

Bishop's Lodge,  
Bermuda.

My dear Canon Tucker,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th, in which you tell me of your wish, after much consideration, to resign your Canonry of the Cathedral on the ground of age. I realised of course that you were coming to that point of view, and I have no other course open to me but to accede to your request and to accept your resignation. I do so nevertheless with much sadness and regret. I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated your kindness to me ever since I arrived in the Diocese, and the gracious way in which you received me as Bishop. You gave me much encouragement.

It would rather impertinent of me, as a new-comer, to say much of your wonderful Ministry, extending over many many years, in Bermuda, but I have heard such wonderful accounts and seen its results in <sup>so</sup> many ways that I thank God for you and your work and example. May you long be spared to us.

In conclusion, it gives me great pleasure formally

to offer you an appointment as Canon Emeritus,  
which I hope you will accept.

With my deep gratitude and appreciation and  
the assurance of my prayers for your peace and  
happiness throughout the years that remain to you  
in the good providence of your God

Believe me, my dear Canon,  
Yours very sincerely,

*John Bernuda*