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JC:P247 LETTER FROM THOMAS DAVIES (MATR. 1817) APPLYING FOR A TEACHING POSITION, 1818

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Letter from Thomas Davies (address, Jesus College) to “Mr. Cossar”, Whitchurch, Salop. Davies has seen an advertisement in the *Oxford Herald* for a vacancy at Whitchurch School, and is writing to apply for the post. He reports that he has been teaching at a school in London for two years, and has been at Jesus College for a year. He hopes to take holy orders in a year or two.

The statement about Davies’s being at Jesus College suggests that he is to be identified with Thomas Davies, son of Charles, of Gwmmws, co. Cardigan, gentleman, who matriculated from Jesus College on 11 December 1817 aged 21. “Alumni Oxonienses” says that he took his BA in 1821, and was appointed rector of Llandogo (or Llandoget), co. Denbigh, in 1825. Evidence from the “Clergy of the Church of England” database suggests that Davies was ordained a deacon in December 1821, when he was also appointed a stipendiary curate at Bromley and a priest in June in 1822. The fact that Davies remained at Jesus College to take his BA suggests that his job application to Whitchurch was unsuccessful.