

Bloomington, Indiana,
April 3, 1889.

Gentlemen,

I learn through your president that the Board would be glad to receive my resignation. I need hardly say that after the informal interview accorded to me by the Board at their last meeting here I am greatly surprised at the request.

At the meeting last June a member of your body informed me that the Board did not care to employ me further in my present position; but upon that occasion you became convinced that regard for the best interests of the University as well as due respect for the requirements of justice demanded that at least you give me an explanation of the reasons for your action and being unwilling to give any you requested me to continue in my work as if nothing had happened, intimating that if I were earnest in doing all in my power to make the department of social science as efficient as possible no reference as to my continuance would

probably hereafter be made.

It would seem that the propriety as well as the justice of specific statements, which Judge Banta says he is unauthorized to make, should recommend itself as strongly now as ever and I must certainly be allowed to inquire concerning the additional reasons for my removal which may exist at the present juncture.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Woodford.

To the Board of Trustees of the Indiana University.

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