

Sept. 5th 1817.

Re - Sir,

I have been very desirous of a full and free conversation with you - but have not had the opportunity - You have been in town several times - but I have neglected you have never called upon us since the meeting of Synod last fall - I rode out to your house - but you were not at home - I think I need not say you will be glad to hear from me.

I think I need not assure^{you} that there was no man for whom
I entertained a higher regard - I have sat at your feet with
admiration & delight - I have unboasted poured the sweet feelings
of my heart - I have yielded to your counsel - with confidence -
~~I have followed you~~ Reflecting on this I need not - and indeed
cannot inform you what painful impressions I have experi-
enced from those transactions which have interrupted and
intercourse & compelled me to entertain to an unpardonable opinion
of your conduct - I wish to conclude the letter becoming
the gospel: I will candidly state to you my views which
here and elsewhere have tended only to confirm
I cannot much more than say

I cannot commend your conduct in the college - with
the candor the honesty & sincerely becoming a Member of them
in whom was found no guile - Look at it seriously -
you will see the Members of the Board with

you with ^{the} Members of the Board without consulting the
other 10 - only with a determination to conceal it from them, did
enter into a written agreement - secretly - on a subject the
most important to the University - and ^{made right} ~~and~~ ^{as a whole} ~~other~~
Members ^{ought} to be consulted - with whom? with Mr.
W. Pomeroy. If Jefferson College what purpose & to destroy the
College which he was ^{supposed} ~~supposed~~ to protect - the thing
to be kept a profound ^{secret} ~~secret~~ from every member of that Board
concealing such an ^{important} ~~important~~ matter that he said that with the
design that the success it could be procured the Hush,
he obliged to dispense or to follow their counsel -
- then I understood to be plain statement of the fact, and
so the bare statement is sufficient to expose it in the very
most unpunished manner

Is it not vain to say it was done to effect the union which
had ~~not~~ been agreed upon? - this was a different object -
the union conference - a combination of the 2 boards - one first
object was to judge them both & this was to annihilate
Jeff. Name & Board of Missions Coll. together - But
provided and was good - will the end justify the
means? Will a movement of the Gospel Mission such
& principle - will any end justify deception
& intrigue - I do not think so - I would ask also - what had I done
business - evidence of - If honest - if fair - if for
a good end &c. - Why will darkness for their
deeds? ~~I think~~ I would ask also - what had I done
that the board of Trustees should ~~not~~ continue to have
me removed in disgrace? - I wish you to consider
the character of the man with whom you have coped
- you know very well - that if number of them have
been for years most better consider - waiting third
ofportunity to destroy - you were told also - and
evidence was offered to satisfy any reasonable man
- that ~~Robert Moore~~ - in their past movements
in the business - were actuated by malice - this
you at first said - you did not believe - ~~and~~
said you had ~~been~~ been careful to watch for evidence
of this - could find none - No you refused at my
request to hear Thomas Moore - And when you
were told - you stated that ~~Thomas~~ were of no
account - ~~invented the~~ Measure itself was
a good one - ~~that~~
I would ask you now - have you felt on reflection
combining ~~with the~~ with the most bitter enemies
to destroy a brother - to disgrace him - to injure him
& his Christian family & his life - When you consi-
der the difficulties which I have had to contend
from such characters - as have found in this confi-

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ration - of the cause of the past movements in this business were of opposition to me in ministerial duties - that this ~~was~~ too the universal impression on all services persons in the congregation excepting the very few persons concerned - How could you give of weight of your name of vote and influence to aid these malignant forces - to put down as they had threatened - a brother who was proposed - unbounded confidence in you - I wish you to reflect too - that no intimation was ever given prior to the quarrel with Mr. Coarney that a separation of the duties was desirable - If it was I never heard of it - There forth of the board - never - I believe such a thing never was mentioned - e.e. - when it was proposed - a considerable number of our members - and those even who join in this plot - did determine to vote for me as Principal - I was not and in my pastoral charge - and they were confident - and Mr. White too that it could be carried - No. 10. It had another origin - I wish Mr. Anderson also to reflect - his own opinion when it was proposed - to unite with William M. Miller as professor of Languages - You objected - you said positively you "lacked the Clippings" but looked not to me lists of them rolled in one place - This was spoken but a ~~few years before~~ - when a Professor - was desirable - And I appeal to your candor - whether after the appointment of a professor of Languages - which took off more than half my burden ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~entirely~~ your mind - that a "separation of my duties" as it is called - was necessary - Mr. Anderson did also state - that unless - Jeremiah was removed - you would probably resign - he is not removed & yet have not resigned - I hope you could combine with these very men - to supplement - to put down & disgrace a brother -

But I will not enlarge. I give you ^{undoubtedly} ~~very~~ ^{very} I express ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{undoubtedly} my feelings. I do not
know that I will do any good - but I do not intend
for evil. "We are told that shall not hate thy brother in
thy heart - nor suffer sin upon him." I do not
suppose believe you have sinned. generously
and in this business. - ~~your~~ ^{your} persisting in a ~~just~~
~~position of the~~ ~~independent~~ ~~it on the~~
ground of good motives. - ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~viewed~~ ^{viewed} still more
to be regretted. - ~~I~~ ^I you will one day see ~~thence~~
I believe you will deeply regret. that ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~this~~ ^{this}
transaction you have deeply wounded the cause
of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~injured~~ ^{injured} your own character & usefulness
as well as weakened the hands of one whom
you ought to have supported in opposition to a com-
bination of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~unwarrantable~~ ^{unwarrantable}. Your name also tends
to harden those who have cooperated with you
- they cannot justify themselves - on y ~~much~~ ^{much} of the
case - but ~~pledge~~ ^{pledge} your name as a sanction for
the whole - ~~and~~ ^{and} you have deeply wounded the
hearts of many precious Brethren. who have viewed
the work of life at your hands. & would have given
their very lives for you - but now w^d not be willing
to hear you forsooth. ~~I~~ ^I ~~ought~~ ^{ought} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~induced~~ ^{induced} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~so~~ ^{so}
~~and~~ ^{and} you have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~instrumental~~ ^{instrumental} in producing a most
wretched state of things - in the church here and else-
where. You rejected the proposition of Mr. Gurney's
in the board which would have secured the ~~repe-~~
oration of the duties. & in a way ~~signifiable~~ ^{signifiable} to all
persons. The college has been ~~essentially~~ ^{essentially} injured
and it is false to ascribe this to the influence of a few
of us in Washington.

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