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Dr Sir

I know not what to say to your charge proportions: but I am afraid that you have inferred from my last letter to you — which I wrote in great anguish of spirit — that my situation here is such as to render a removal, at all hazards, curable. It is not so. I have always, it is true, since I removed to this region, felt myself in the condition of an exile; & had I the thing to do over again I would certainly act differently. <sup>I mean, not have moved hither.</sup> But it is done & my mind has come down to my condition. I am contented as to myself; but I feel for my family. My oldest son is now prepared to act for himself. He wishes to study law, which I dislike exceedingly. The society here is not such as I could wish. I look upon the prospect of my daughters especially settling here with a sort of horror. I think my sphere of usefulness is small; though, through the State, I believe I am respected & exert a considerable influence. Sectarian feeling governs every thing, however; & there is but a small prospect of my being able to attack any of it either to my own purse or the college. These are the most of the disagreeables in my lot. Removals I dread. I have already made two too many. The air of Cincinnati or Walnut Hills (I speak in metaphor) I think would ill suit my constitution. Yet, as



I really know nothing distinctly of the nature of that condition to which your contemplated "in-  
trigue" would transfer me, I can say nothing but from general impressions & there I must frankly say am against it. Mr Harney has been cast out of the Church by the unanimous vote of the session here - & deservedly if ever a man was. But whether the higher courts to which he has carried it & purposes, I suppose, to carry it, will so decide I know not. The course this matter may take will necessarily influence my prospects of comfort & usefulness here - Things go on well in college since the change & we have a prospect of considerable increase next session.

Your former communications respecting a "certain malignant influence" in your immediate neighborhood did not surprise me. Scott I think with you is, in himself, simply considered, a clever fellow enough, but he is surrounded with points of influence which it is hard for the sons of Adam to guard against.

Mr Colburn is no more! How these things affect me, as I feel myself descending the hill of life. I have many thoughts on religion which trouble me. I could tell them to you, but not in a letter. I hope still to hear from you. Yours



promised me an account of matters & things which  
you observed or expected to observe at Washington  
but as yet you have not sent it. I suppose you  
thought it not worth while. My native place!  
Scenes of former wars! I remember them  
with regret & look back to the places with  
a weak fondness which time cannot overcome!  
Do you remember Bollman who came down  
with us? He sought an alliance with my family  
was not encouraged & - took the opportunity  
in the Harney-scare to go over to the  
enemy. I was not disappointed. But every such  
incident however, tends to make one  
tired of life - I have sat all day at my desk  
& <sup>so</sup> suspect I am rather melancholy. So I will  
stop. What is your brother doing? I've forgot  
his name. - God bless you & yours!

I remain as ever yours truly

Res Wm H. Whiffey

Andrew Wiley

P.S. With Halls successor Mr Park I am  
satisfied. Elliott I hope will do. - at least  
better than his predecessor. - I dare. Do you  
not among you, some how, want something in the  
moral apparatus of your University that may have



a stronger tendency to subdue the arrogance  
of you - I mean some of - I mean your  
Kentucky half horse, half alligator students.  
I'll have no nullifiers. That's flat. I'd  
rather be nullified.

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P.S. Give my respects to Dr. Burhop  
& Prof. Leitch - all who may ask  
for me.

Yours again A.W.