Chapel Hill, May 18, 1839

Dear Father

The astonishment with which I met, in the perusal of your letter, induces me to write to you immediately. I find in your letter, that I am accused of neglecting my studies, and also of disorder, both of which charges, I deny, and can prove at any time to be false, by those to whom I recite and also by my whole class. I have consulted Governor Swain concerning the affair, and he says, that he knows nothing against me. As to being disorderly, I am very certain, how that originated; some three or four weeks ago Swain was absent from the hill, and one evening at prayers, something took place, which created a great laughter, and Old Mitchell, (to be smart) got up, and spoke very harshly, and in return, nearly every fellow in college commenced stamping; and those whom he did not see, he reported on suspicion. The honors were distributed among the senior class this morning, and as usual with great partiality. Jones & Malsby, who were entitled to the first honor, have met with injustice, Jones, I suppose, has not missed more than three words this session, and Malsby has done equally as

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