Raleigh September 4th 1805.

Sir.

Mr. Williams has delivered me your communication of yesterday with the papers enclosed therewith. The situation into which the imprudence & ill directed conduct of the seceding Students has thrown the Institution is truly distressing, and I am afraid long to be regretted by its real friends; particularly so by those who have watched with parental care over its welfare & best interests, in both character of Trustee & Teacher.

The Gentlemen who are Trustees and of this place have met this forenoon; before whom the whole papers have been laid, and in the course of their deliberations, have come