

Lexington Ky May 4. 1863

Dear Mother

I wrote to Walter some
time since and then to Alex
and have got no answer
I am afraid some one is
sick at home. Alex said
something in his last about
Walter not being well
I hope it is nothing serious
and that he is well
again by this time.
I sent you last week a
box of oatmeal and money
in Alex's letter to pay it.

I hope it all came safe and
that you have had a little
Porridge out of it ere
this.

On Thursday last we removed
the consecrated dust of our
Dear Poor William to its last
resting place. There were
a good many of our friends
and his present and ardent
tears and prayers we com-
mitted it to God till the
morning of the Resurrection.

We have bought a lot in
the Cemetery large enough
for four graves. I wish I
had Father laid by his side.

I hope Walter is well and
in no danger of falling into
bad health.

I am exceedingly anxious to
hear from home. I get
very uneasy when more than
a week passes without a
letter. Some one should
write every week. We are
all pretty well. God bless
you all and keep you
Our love to Alex Walter
Mary and James.

Your Loving Son
James

Lexington, Ky., July 2 1884

her old man wants her at home.
I have been dyspeptic since you
went away. I walked down in
town to the Post Office last night
for letters but came home
tired. I suppose the fourth of
July will be a big day here.
Your mother writes more cheerfully
than I anticipated. Love to
her and your Aunt.

Yours affectionately
Joshua
James K. Patterson

My Dear William

I received your letter yesterday
with your mother's inclosure.
I am glad your book got
to Greenville safe - not safe.
I sent you some Catalogues as
you desired which I hope will
reach you safe.
There is nothing of interest occurring
here since you went away.
I am glad you are enjoying
yourself in Greenville and

that you find it not dull,
but funful. I would have
used "funny" instead of
"funful" but thought you
might suppose I was making
fun of you & pursuing.

I think your uncle has almost
concluded not to go to Chicago.
Professor Hunter talks of going
to the mountains to Barboneville
with Roger Ballard.

Mr. Silchris is harvesting. The
wheat and barley are both good.
Dorisca will probably leave
us this week. She and Grand-
mother get along very well, but

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Lexington, Ky., July 4 1884

My Dear Son,

I received your mother's letter
yesterday. I hope you have
gotten over that foolish moping
mood. You can do much to
ward this occurrence by
strutting away from what
causes them. Whatever it be.
I am not very well this morning.
I took Calomel last night and
it leaves me weak. I will
be all right in the afternoon.

I want to see Mr. Brewster

John Day at Blue Mountains.

He is not looking well. He seems to me to have lost 30 or 75-pounds of flesh. Still he

says he is pretty well.

The weather keeps showery, though there is not much rain.

Poor Dr. Dudley died yesterday and will be buried this evening at 3 P.M.

Priscilla is away today but says she will be back in the morning.

Tom is back at work. Jimmy Jim Mulligan was engineering

for you yesterday and when you would return. Tell me what you thought of the lines of Henry Schiller which I sent you.

I hope you and Mother are both well and enjoying your vacation. All well.

Love well. My dear son be good and happy and dutiful.

Yours loving

Father

Josh K. Patton

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 3-1884

My Dear William

I received your mother's letter
yesterday. I am sorry you
are relapsing into your old
wiping morbidness. You must
by a resolute effort throw
it off. Think away from
what causes you annoyance.
By a strong effort you will see
you can overcome it.
I did not go down in town
yesterday until late in the
afternoon. We saw fine

Some stamps enclosed for your mother.

One Dollar for yourself for pocket-money.

works at Woodland from
one hour but they did not
seem to amount to much.
Dr. Dudley was here yesterday
afternoon from the Episcopal
Church. The seat of the disease
was in the liver as shown
by a post-mortem examination.
You ought to write a piece
for your Cousin Charles's
Echo. The practice will do
you good. There is no
news of any consequence. All
well as usual. Love to all.

Yours

Yours affectionately
James K. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 9 1884

place. Tell Bloss and the Ladies
I would be glad if they would
come to see us. I have no doubt
you enjoyed the music. I
am glad you are gaining
flask. Can't you turn 100 lbs
before you return? Try to
put 10 or 15 lbs more on
your mother too. I am going
over to the farm to see how
the stacking is coming on.
Love to your mother your Aunt
and Cousins.
Yours affectionately
James K. Patterson

My Dear William

I received your letter and that
of your mother yesterday. I am
very sorry to hear of your Aunt
Anna's condition. It must be
a source of great grief and
trouble to you and your mother
to see her in so feeble and
precarious a condition. I hope
she will be better before you
have to leave her.

Mr. Brant will return to
St. Louis tomorrow or next

day. I saw him in Mr. Sayre's office yesterday. He looks thin and not in good health.

We will begin to stack our barley today, fearing that the rain, if it come, will injure it before we get it stacked unless we stack it. We finished stacking hay yesterday. There are two good stacks besides one left full, while comes to one share.

Is there much interest in anything in Greenville over the Chicago nominations? It disturbs me very little. John's mother brother

however is much interested. Your young friend Land is still I think with Läger.

Pisella's substitute is doing very well. Maria came yesterday to see us. She looks very feeble. Mother gave her 25¢ and a dozen eggs. I gave her 30¢. Mother asked her to stay to supper but she did not. She seems to be in consumption.

There was a Catholic picnic yesterday at Woodlands. I hear that it was largely attended. Nobody went from our

Dr. Stoll will beat Waller

Rodis as sheriff. Almost all
the Mulliganes will vote for
Stoll.

J. H. Williams is still mending
walches at No 8 Broadway.
Couldn't you bring him a
batch to repair? James Newton
- bless his Cellie soul - still repairs
breeches at the old stand. I
hope you two ones are not
too laterally complicated as the
profession get so much as to
need the application of his Sarton's
oil. Love to Mother, Cousins, Aunts
and all smaller kindred. Your loving
Pep. J. H. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 10 1884

My Dear Son

I received your letter and
that of your mother yesterday.
I am sorry to hear you are
not quite at yourself. I wish
you could communicate the
matters which trouble you.
I have no doubt they are
of trifling nature and that
there is nothing in them
which ought to worry you.
I went out to the Kenley field
yesterday morning and laid

am here on Tue. Walter and I
went out to Mrs Susan Clays
yesterday afternoon and dined
to tea - we took coffee - we
did not get home till about
11 P.M. we went also to
see Douglass' herd of alligators.
He has a beautiful lot, but we
did not find him at home.
The Clays have a very pretty
little place - 103 acres, and
a little distance from there
80 acres more.
The barometer indicates rain
this morning, but I hardly

think it will come.

I will send you by this mail
a paper containing some
base ball items. I see Henry
Whites' name as manager
of the new club. but I see nothing
of the Champions batter of the
world. Who now supposes that
invincible preeminence? What
are the essentials of superiority
in base-ball-batteriness?

Please accept all that is in the
Purs sent you here with as
news

There is some apprehension that

yesterday. Some of them are drooping
considerably. A few are dead
but the greater part we hope
will come through. I worked
a while in the morning at it
but got so tired I had to
stop. I have not yet asked
yet. I am impatient with
you and your mother again.
I am glad your Aunt Caroline
and Anna are better. Love
all the Aunt & Cousins
to your mother and yourself.
Yours Affectionate
Father Lemuel Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 16 1884

My Dear Son,

I received your mother's letter
yesterday. I am exceedingly sorry
you can't get over that
morbid apprehension which causes
you so much annoyance
and distress. There are a great
many things within the power
of the human will to combat.
I think the only remedy is a
resolute决心 of will to rid
yourself of your trouble. I

do not think you have done
anything because you this created
disquiet, and I think it is
wrong to indulge this morbid
mood. From your explanation
I think you are subtly innocent
in act and in fact of any
thing because you either sin
or ~~app~~ apprehension.

I hope now you and your mother
day after tomorrow, tell her to
bring Ella with her if she
thinks she would be contented,

It is quite cool this morning. So
it was yesterday morning but it
got warm during the day.
There was a fire in town last
night. It seemed from one
point of view like Spaulding's
Lumber yard, but I think it
was the Cooper Shop and some
houses adjacent on Hill Street.
I have not heard any particulars.
It made a big blaze lasting for
an hour or two.

We were mentioning one tree

dangerous pestilent lot, bad citizens
in any country, turbulent teaching
and treacherous.

I will leave within you about
Wednesday. I send to you
Mother Blackwood & the Sunday
Magazine. They will amuse
her on her return. Georgia
Fields still stays. P. is ca
n't go for her. Georgia is
going to try to come to meet
her self. That last expression
though ambiguous is intelligible.
Love well, your Mother, Aunt
Cousins of all degrees, your
affectionate father
Jas. K. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 13 1884

My Dear Son.

Your letter and that of your mother
enclosed herewith came yesterday.
I am glad that Aunt Anna
is improved and that your
Mother is expected before
your return. I am very homesick
to hear that you my dear
boy have not been well. In
one line wrote of your mother
advice to her intention you and
she will be here. I suppose
you have been long enough
in Greenville and have taken

it all in. You made men and
the men 11 last night at
the Democratic rejoicing on
Cheap side. There were fireworks
firing and fireworks going
and men speaking. I did
not go down. Nor did I
even sit out on the porch
to look at it. I was in the
Library writing up the
minutes of the Board.

The atmosphere is rather clear
this morning. barometer low
and temperature high but I am
not sure that we shall have
any rain although it is

much needed. I think when you
and your mother come home I
will go to Blue Lake a week
or so and try to earn a
little.

The work of the Convention seems
to give satisfaction. A good many
of the independent Republicans
in the East will be attracted
to Cleveland but there will be
a large defection of the Irish to
Blaine on account of his
supposed hostility to England.
I would be glad to see the whole
Celtic crowd thrown off and
go to the side. They are a

The wet weather has been
very much against them.
Almost half have died.

Will my dear puer I would
be glad videre te. When
veneris home? Canis et
Charlie want you venise.
Be a bonus puer. Give my
love maternal. Love to
your Aunt.

Tuus Amicus Pater

J. R. Patterson

Liverpool Hy. May 23. 1878

My dear Son

I have some news to
tell you this morning.

Our Bloss had a calf about
8 o'clock. I think it is
a heifer. Your calf Charlie
is quite well ^{now} ~~not~~. He drinks
up his milk without saying
"Thank you Sir". He wants to
suck everything. Even Prince

and the Tom cat. After he gets
his milk he frisks and jumps
and kicks up his heels.

I am very sorry you have
been complaining so much and
sorry too that your mother
has so bad a cold.

I think you had better
have a little quinine and
perhaps a little calomel
if you do not get better
soon. Did you receive
a "Chatterbox" and "Day of
Rest"? I sent the

"Atlantic" to your mother.

Tell her I will send some
money to her by next mail to
buy sugar and Strawberries.

Grand Mother is a little better
but she has been very
feebly. Not confined to bed
but sometimes hardly able
to be up.

The turkey hen hatched up
in the myrtle. We brought
her and the young "Turks" to
the house. I put the young
chaps in a basket, carried
them down and she followed.

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Lexington, Ky., Aug 13. 1880

My dear dear mother

At the convention we met an old man by the name of Clayton from Togg. He gave old Pickett such a set down that Galtin invited him to dinner. we went to William Warfield's.

and he came back and left on the 1.30 train for Louisville. Above 10 o'clock we discovered he had mislaid his hat. Galtin had to go. He told us we were to hear Major Lonsdale's lecture on Geology in the Basin. After church it was the finest on that subject except Professor Grondall's in the New York Hall last winter. Yesterday I went to the Regatta. I suppose you remember J. F. Drake. He was so tall a giant who used to keep off. Col. Howard he is there and I am sure by last 1001 men and men on the

2 month, one of them asked Major
Davis if he had any acquaintance
with the Devil. Good by

Will

Cervino Ky

June 17th 1883,
Prof of A. N. O. College,
Dear Sir,

I as a Cripple ask a favor of you.
and would be pleased for you to make a
reply. I want to know if your School is
convenient for a cripple to attend. I am
a very bad cripple and have never had
the privilege of attending School ^{in my}
~~in~~ account of afflictions. And what is
the best you would charge me for schooling
if it is convenient I would like to attend
one or two sessions of your School.
Please give me all the particulars in
regard to tuition and food.

It is all true that we have schools
close by but I have heard your college
recommended so high I would rather
go to it if the price is not too high.

Please answer without delay



Address yours truly

J. B. Gay
Coral Gables, Fla.

Pike's Bay.

Dec. 7. 1880

Sir, Having seen an
advertisement of your college.
I became interested in it; for I
saw in it the school I desired.
I am a young school teacher
trying to educate myself. but
I belong to that universal class
called poor boys. not having the means
to support myself for a long term
unless I can get employment. when
not engaged in study. I do not
exactly understand, the price of
your school. So please send me a
catalogue. and I will do all
I can towards getting others
to go. as there are four young
teachers, who want to go. to school.

address

J. J. Coates.

Pike's Bay,

Trinidad.

Pike's Bay.

Danville Ky

Nov 25-94

My Dear Willie:

As I was going to the depot Saturday morning to take the train to Lexington, I stopped at the post-office and found your letter.

I appreciate the invitation very much indeed and am very sorry that I could not accept it.

As the day was cloudy and disagreeable I had worn my college clothes. I thought I looked too "tough" to go to your father's house and spend Sunday with you. I think you would

have thought the same
if you had seen me. I
hope that the next time
I am in Lexington I
will get to see you.

Again thanking
you for your kind
invitation I am

Very truly yours
Lewis Reno Jr

Lock-Box 222,
Salun, Va.,
July 12, 1894.

Dear Willie:

Yours of the 20th ult. did not reach me until yesterday. The way this happened was as follows: Owing to my desire to be with my little child I remained in Kentucky some time after school closed; and then as my mother-in-law Mrs. Dr. Welch, was ill, grew worse and ultimately died in the end of July, I did not reach Virginia until last Saturday. My brother

P.S. May I trouble you to send me two or three
of the State college catalogues?

did not forward your letter
to me thinking I would re-
turn home earlier than
I did, and after I did get
here, he seems to have
forgotten it for a day or two.
All this will explain why
you have not received an
answer to your enquiry.

I have never carried a
regular life-insurance poli-
cy. Sometimes when going on
a journey I have taken out
accident policies, but I am
carrying no insurance now.

I am having a pleasant time,
but this region is passing through
a distressing drought.

Present my kind regards to
your father, mother, uncle, and
grandmother. With good wishes
for yourself, I remain,
See P.S. Truly yr. friend, J. Lewis Cogan.

Lexington, Ky., August 13th 1890.

Things that I have to get to-morrow

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| 20 Tartan neck-tie | ✓ 38 2.6 |
| 30 Little muslin tie | 6d |
| 40 Blue-harry bonnet | ✓ 45 36 |
| 50 Pair - street-rain patent leather shoes | 16.5 12.9 |
| 6 Patch chain | 15 |
| 70 Furrow on cane | ✓ 15 6d |
| 80 Hair cut | ✓ 15 4d |
| 90 Pair of gloves. | ✓ 45 bonnet |

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to Horatio Nelson

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that day June 3, 1895 -

He went over me and I lay
down up by the roots prostrate
on the earth. Then it was
that I knew that henceforth the
College must be my child in a
sense which it had not been
hitherto. Since then the Alumni
have bulked large in my
thought and in my affections
May God bless you, may He
cause His face to shine upon
you may He prosper you in
all your doings May He give
unto you health and strength
of body and of mind, length
of days

anniversary of my deceased
son, William Andrew Patterson
50 yrs ago today, to quote Edmund
Burke, "I had the hope that I
was to be a sort of founder of
a family" No desire other than
that of seeing you could have
tempted me to plan a journey
from my home on this date -
so sacred is it to me
Those of you who are fathers
understand how I felt when a
Disposer whose power we are
little able to resist and whose
wisdom it behooves us not at
all to dispute took him from
me. Up until the day of his
death - I lived in him through
him and for him

University and who long for
its advancement and prosperity.
He is energetic, alert, well qualified
and attentive to the interests of your
Alma Mater. I bespeak for him
your actions + enthusiastic
support that your Alma
Mater may take its place
among the leading institutions
of the land.

I am now near the end of a
long life. My name dies with
me. It will henceforth be no
more save as I hope to live in
your memory + in your affection.
And in that of the University.
Today Apr 12th is the birth-

I have lived among them for more than 60 yrs. I ~~love~~ love them as I love no other people. Quick, impulsive generous & a fault, possessed of a remarkable sense of justice a passion for truth and fair dealing you are sprung from a knightly race.

Guard your heritage well. I rejoice that your alma mater is situated in the land of such people and that my lot has been cast among them. Brighter days are now before the University. Dr. F. L. McVey, the recently inaugurated President is proving himself a strong executive and is rapidly winning his way into the affections of those who love the

tried in the balance and have been
found equal to whatever task
has been assigned you. Trained
men you are mechanically and
technically; yes but far beyond
that you are trained to the solution
of the problems which daily arise
in the complexity of our civilization
I am proud of your energy, of your
initiative, of your capable resourceful-
ness. You have it in your power
to achieve distinction and you
are doing so and have done so
most of you are native Kentuckians
and as such I congratulate you.
I know no finer race of men and
women than are Kentuckians

I cancelled my train reservation.
I am writing this, however, to
greet you and to express to you
individually and collectively my
great love for you and my
pride in you. It is with a

satisfaction that few can
apprehend that I think of the
splendid reputation which you have
achieved in the nation's metropolis

Representative of your University
are to be found in practically
every association in that city
thriving with business and
industry. You have been

Co
of the 2 pms
is the receipt

Either you or Walter must
write home and let me know
precisely how he is.

You must try to be as
economical as possible. Don't
be extravagant in clothes. How
much did your board at
Greenfield cost? We must
help you to pay it. How much
did your school make you?
I have bought no clothes this
winter.

Hope you are all well. Write
to me often. Give my love
to Mother, Walter & Mary. Tell Walter
to write me immediately. Good
bless you all. Your Loving Bro
Lemmas.

Lexington Ky April 26. 1863

My Dear Bro

I received your letter
a day or two ago enclosing
a picture. The picture does not
do you justice unless you
are very much changed since
I saw you. I would not
pay for such caricatures.
I sent Mother a box containing
forty pounds of oatmeal
yesterday & pressed to Philadelp^{ha}
which I hope will reach
in safety. It is fine for
making porridge. We use it
every day.

I will send you a photograph
of our dear Bro William enclosed
in this. The man who took them
still has the plate and we are
going to have another dozen made.
I got a letter from England
a few days ago from James
MacIntosh's wife in which
she says how grieved they
were when of William's death.
I sent them a paper containing
an account of it. I will
write them in a few days
and inform them of Father's
also. She says they are
looking for William MacIntosh's

death is long. That they
have now almost no hopes
of his recovery. She did not
mention the disease but I
suppose from what she said
it is consumption.

I am sorry when Walter
is so sickly and delicate
He must be very careful
that he does not fall into
bad health. You must try
to relieve him of care and
labor as much as possible
if you had any money
for the spring work let
me know.

The Photographs in Water

Lexington Ky June 20th/63

My dear Brother

I received a letter from you a few days, perhaps a week, ago, and was glad indeed to learn that all at home were then well. I was at that time,

not very well myself, suffering with a slight attack of the Fever, which, with me has become periodical.

I am not quite well, and as the last was the rarest that I have had, I hope

I will soon entirely recover from it - Our year closed a week ago, and we are now having holiday, and will have

tille September. I am
enjoying my time pretty
well, spending a good
part of it in reading,
and the remainder in
exercise, and paying an oc-
casional visit. James
will perhaps be with you
in a week or less - I
will remain here a good
part of the vacation, but
will be home sometime
in the season to spend
two weeks with you, if
it be not as sickly as
last year - I am very anx-
ious that you could sell
your farm, on account of
the sickness of the country
you are in; or rent it
by fall to some good
farmer that will take
care of it - How will it be

in Dad about the draft?
What is Alex doing, and
how is he going to do in
the case of a draft. I
have been exempted as not
being a citizen, and so
can he, if he will try -
It is very warm and dry
here, but the crops look
pretty well - How do they
look at home - Lucile
will go to Greenville on
Monday with Mr Brank
and I think it possible
that James will go as far
as Louisville with them
You must write soon
We sent Homer to Owens-
boro with Mr Wing to pay
the expenses, which were
\$87 - My love to all
your loving Brother
Andrew

47-M-64

Walter K Patterson

Principal of the

Academic Department

Lexington Ky. June 15, 1880

Dear Sir:

Through the Secretary
pro tem. I was, on the 11th
inst., officially notified of
my election to the Principalship
of the Academic Department
of the Agricultural and
Mechanical College, during
the late meeting of the Board
of Trustees, and requested
to communicate to you
my acceptance or declination.

I accept the position
at the salary named \$1,000-
per annum and trust
that under my manage-
ment the fullest expectations
of your Honorable Board

will be realized in this
department.

Your obt. Servant-

W. K. Patterson

Hon. B. F. Buckner
Secretary Board of
Trusts A & M. College }

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AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
OF KENTUCKY.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 19 1882

Prof. Killman

Sir,

Mr. Ross wishes a
settlement for Cultus, the Wheat.
He affirms positively that you
told him there was 12 acres
knowledge 32 acres in the field
on the north side of the branch
by chain and compass.

As a matter of business only I wish
this statement affirmed or denied
on your own signature

Respectfully
Jas. H. Patterson

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
OF KENTUCKY

1882

Pres. Patton
Hi.

Mr. Robb tells me
that he simply affirms positively that
I told him that by measurement of
my own (or a part of it having been done by
Mr. Curtis) & calculation of my own, he
cut in all 32 acres of wheat.

The same is correct.

My (together with Mr. Curtis) measurement
made a little over 32 acres on the North
side of the branch & we estimated that
he left 2 acres uncut. The remainder,
29 acres, added to the 3 acres cut on
the other side of the branch, makes
32 acres, or the whole amount cut
by Mr. Robb.

Respectfully

W. A. Kelleman

Leavington 17. Aug 19. 1882.

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Rockcastle Springs Ky
Aug. 28, '82

Dear Bro.

I got your letter
and the Kansas letter
on Saturday. Sorry
to hear that Willie
is not well. I wish
I had brought him
with me. This would
be a safe and healthy
place for him.

I expected the wheat
would yield more
than it did. I see
wheat has advanced
in price in Chicago
and Louisville. If
you can get \$1.00 I
advise you to sell.

I would keep more
of the Washington glass
wheel for seed. 32
bu. in all will
not be as much
as you will probably
want to sow.

There have been heavy
rains here in the
last few days, and
the river is high.
Am still doing
well. Have had
less trouble so far
than either at Pelee
or Cumberland.

What arrangements
have been made for
filling Kellerman's
place? And what is
Kerby going to do?
I would like to know
what I will be expected

to do for the money
they propose to pay.
Hope you are all
well.

Love to all
Your affectionate Bro.
W. H. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., January 5 - 1882

J. H. Young Esq.
Dear Sir,

Your several letters came to hand
but I have been so fully occupied
hitherto that I have not till now
had time to reply.

I would not feel at liberty to take
the responsibility of introducing a
Greek Academy into the State
College. But since you have been
so frank and cautious about
it I would not if the sanction
of the Board of Trustees were
obtained interfere any objection.
It would be proper however
to obtain their consent.

Judge B. F. Bracken is the
Secretary of the Board and

And any communication which you
may see proper to make to him
will receive proper attention

Yours truly
Jas K. Patterson

Judge B. F. Buckner

Dear sir:

I neglected to en-
close this letter in my communica-
tion to you yesterday -
Yours truly

J. H. Young

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State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., March 26 1883

My Dear Mr. Foreman.

Just one year has elapsed since I had
the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Foreman and you
in Cincinnati, an occasion long well
remembered by me. The date above also
reminds me that I am fifty years old today.

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State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., April 9 1884

Lieut. C. R. Dyer, U.S.A.

Commandant of Cadets at all Colleges

Sir:

If it be your intention as expressed orally to
me this morning to abdicate all supervision
and control over the discipline of behavior of the
"of the dormitory and the mess I respectfully
request that you ~~will~~ give me written notice
what office.

Yours truly,
James R. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., April 9 1884

Leut. G. R. Tyler U. S. A.

Sir,

Your note of this date is received,
in which you say "Unless I am
assured of both the actual and moral
support of yourself and the Faculty,
which I feel that I have not had this
year in carrying out the Regulations
prescribed by the Board of Trustees of
this College for the Cadets in quarters
and mess, I do not intend after this
to have anything to do with the supervision
or control of either the dormitories or
mess". ~~As this statement involves the~~

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This is a statement of grave import
involving the other members of the
Faculty as well as myself. Whether it be
well or ill-founded is consequently a
matter of much consequence to the members
of the Faculty and to the discipline of the College.
Have you any objection to a meeting of
the Faculty to take into consideration the
issue which you make, and in the
event that a harmony of views fail
to be reached and you abdicate all
further supervision and control over the
dormitory and the mess, ~~that they may take~~
~~to provide~~ the necessary means to re-establish and
maintain order (and good behavior) in
the quarters and at meals?

I deem it proper to ask your acquiescence
because the exchange of views between us
instructors has been ~~as the nature of~~
a private character.

Very truly yours
J. R. Patterson

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Academic year to the Board of Trustees of the
College, of which he was then a member
in regard to my relation and attitude to the
Military Department and discipline of the
College.

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., June 1 1884

To the Honorable
The Adjutant General of the Army.
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your communication of the 29th ult in
answer to my application of the 15th ult
requesting the detail of 2nd Lieut. J. H. C.
Wiley to succeed Lieut. C. R. Tyler as
Commandant of Cadets and Military Instructor
at this college.

After stating that Lieut. Wiley "is not
available for the duty under the regulations
prescribed in regard to such matters", you
proceed to observe: "For this reason and the
further one that the present instructor has
asked to be relieved on the ground that facilities
for carrying out the object of his detail have
not been afforded him the Lieutenant
General has not recommended your

Application to the favorable consideration of the Secretary of War.

In reference to the foregoing I beg to express my regret that this College may be deprived of the benefit of the delay of an officer to succeed the present instructor on the ground of the 4 part statement made by the latter.

My own opinion is that Lieutenant Dyke would not have asked to be relieved but for the fact that I had some rather sharp conversation and correspondence with him in regard to his continued neglect and ultimate abandonment, without notice or explanation, of duties assigned him by the authorities of the College connected with the discipline of the dormitory (barracks) and the preservation of order therein. For six weeks or more, as the matter reported to me, he was neither in the dormitory nor the mess hall in the interests of discipline. and that too, though he had quarters assigned him on the College grounds within 50 yards of the dormitory building.

In my opinion no facilities have been required

him within the power of the College to grant, so far as the immediate object of the delay is concerned. I may add that but for the fact that I had no disposition to mortify Lieut. Dyke I should myself, as some of my colleagues advised me to do, have requested the War Dept. to relieve him and send us another man.

For fifteen years I have been President of this College during which time Lieutenants Roberts, Swigart, Whistler, Hornell, McFarland, have been detailed successively by the War Department as instructors in tactics at this College, with no one of whom I had the slightest trouble. They were honorable discreet men who could take in the difference between a Military Academy like West Point and an Agricultural College in which the military feature is only one of many coordinate departments.

I respectfully request permission to add the following extract from the report made by General D. C. Bull at the close of the last

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 14 1884

Mr. H. Glasgow.

Dear Sir,

Your letter was received yesterday evening. I did not fill up the certificate. Prof. Kirby sent me out several designs in blanks which I did and returned to him. He filled them out. He is not here now. Had he been I would have made you out a new one. I have changed the one you sent and return it herewith. I hope

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State College of
Kentucky
Frankfort, Ky.

You will find this letter

from your pen. If not when he
returns I shall have a new one
made out and sent to your
address. I hope you are
well and that we shall
have you and Mrs. Brady
with us again before
long. Give him my regards.

Yours truly

Les. R. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., June 13 - 1885 -

Prof. Kirby.

Dear Sir.

W. J. Adams writes home for a
certificate. Walter can tell you
of his standing in the classes with
him. He stood well with both
White & Shackelford.

Will you please hand by
Walter the paper which I presented
containing the proposition which
the Committee accepted? I am
required by the Committee to make
copy of it in the records.

Yours truly,
James R. Patterson

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State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 21 1884

To the Adjutant General of the
Army.
Sir.

In accordance with your suggestion
in your letter of the 14th inst.,
the receipt of which I have now
the honor to acknowledge I
desire the War Department to
detail for service at this
College one of the following
named officers viz:

W. C. Rafferty 2nd Lieut. 1st Cavalry
John C. Crissham 1 " 7 Cavalry

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 31 1884

Temple Bodley Esq.

Dear Sir,

I no longer write since I addressed
you at Col. Preston's request
upon the propriety of asking the Court
of Appeals to allow us to disagree.
I am not yet in receipt of a reply
Yours truly Jas R Patterson

F. E. Phelps 1st Lieut. 8th Cavalry
W. D. Beach 1 " 3rd "

Preference is given in the order
in which the names are written.
Our session begins on the 10th
of September following. I should
like to have the officers here
ready to enter on his duties when
the session opens.

Yours Obedt Servant
James R Patterson
President.

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State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Coxington, Ky., May 11 1886

Col. Phelps

Dear Sir,

The following Regulation ~~was~~ ^{was} adopted by the
Board of Trustees at ^{June 1884} ~~the~~ Annual Meeting
in June 1884 has already been communicated to you.
"Arrests when made shall be reported as
soon as possible, with the reasons therefor
in writing to the President who shall
determine the time for which the
arrest shall continue unless in
his judgment the offense for which
the arrest was made requires to be
reported to the Board of Discipline or
to the Faculty".

I beg to submit, that in the case
of Cadet Thompson of whom arrest
for eight days you made mention
to the Faculty yesterday, the foregoing
regulation was not complied with.
Yours truly Jas. H. Patterson

Also that in the case of Cadet Sumner whose
most you reported was violated by his
absence in Louisville April 18th the
following Regulation was not complied
with

Yours Truly
James K. Patterson

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State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Coxington, Ky., July 11 1886

Col. F. E. Phelps

Dear Sir,

Your note of this morning is received.
You call my attention to the Regulations governing
the mess. "This", you say, "has been made
and complaints taken directly to the Prov. and
by him laid before some of the Executive
Committee without my being informed or
spoken to on the subject".

Had any complaint been made to me during
the session by my commandant or subcommandant
both the commandant and myself might be
open to the charge of reversing.

The regulations however to which you refer
are plainly in operation during the vacation
when no mess is in existence and reversal
of a regulation in operation or its abeyance
can scarcely be conceived of.

The subject matter of the breach of the

Complaint made to me does not at any
time fall within the scope of the Regulations
referred to.

I have always deemed it my privilege as
well as my duty to consult freely with the
Executive Committee or any members thereof
whenever officially or unofficially upon any
matter affecting the interests of the College
especially when such consultation in no
wise reflected upon any of my colleagues
or transgressed any regulation, the
transgression of which would invade any
prerogative of any member of the Faculty.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Patterson

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State College of
Kentucky,
President's Room.

Cerington, Ky., July 12 1886

Prof. H. E. Phelps.

Dear Sir,

Your note of yesterday was received,
you call my attention to the Regulations
governing the mess. "This has been made
and complaints taken directly to the Pres.
and by him laid before some of the
Executive Committee without my being
informed or spoken to on the subject."
If complaints ^{in regard to the mess} had been ^{made} to me during
the session by ^{my} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~complaint~~ or in com-
munication ^{on that} ~~had been made by~~ ^{made by} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~person~~ ^{person} ~~both complainant and~~
myself, so far as ~~such~~ ^{such} complaints related
to the mess, would be open to the charge
of ~~violation~~ ^{violation} of the Regulations.

The regulations, however, to which you refer
are plainly inoperative during the
vacation when no mess is in existence,
and the evasion of a regulation which

is and must be under existing conditions
inoperative or in abeyance can scarcely
be conceived of.

Moreover the bulk of the subject matter
of the complaint which formed the basis
and the burden of my communication
to Mrs Ryland does not fall within
the scope of the Regulations referred to.
I have been scrupulously careful not to
infringe the prerogative of any of my colleagues
least of all of the Commandant. But I have
also been scrupulously careful to do nothing
to weaken his influence or to transmute his
authority given in cases where I differed from
him most widely, in regard to the expediency
or propriety of the administration of his own
proper duties.

In submitting the substance of the complaints
made here, to certain members of the Committee,
not a word was said reflecting on your
either directly or indirectly. In laying these
complaints before them and asking their advice

as to what communication should be made to Mrs
Ryland I was, I consider, entirely within the
line of my power and my duty.

Yours truly,

Geo. R. Patterson.

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account of a shortage of several hundred dollars
I endeavored to screen your delinquency by giving
you mortified by one cheque for the deficit
and informing you the necessity of squaring
your accounts with the Mrs Board at once.
You used the money thus advanced for other
purposes and supposed the credit of the Mrs to
become compromised because there was not a
dollar in the Treasury to meet our obligations.
Cheque upon cheque drawn on the Phoenix
Bank was returned disallowed, you knowing
meanwhile that you had not a cent in the
Bank to give credit as Treasurer, wrote period
before the Mrs could obtain a settlement from
you and then not until the Board informed
you that unless adjustment was made at once
your shortage would be reported to the Executive
Committee of the Board of Trustees, who was
your friend at that juncture?

of ability, with an inclination to make common
cause for Dr. Pelt, and it has been with a
good deal of difficulty that ^{the} Dr. Pelt has
kept the matter out of the papers which
one of course anxious for a sensation. The
result will be detrimental to the College
for the time being whatever time it may
take and it is another demoralizing
stroke for the Faculty which never has
had for a word of union anything like
forth in the reign of indifference.
Probably the Faculty will recommend
Mj. for the Consolidated Chair, but I
have no idea what will be the way
out of this mess. Of course the Dr. is
morally as should have been expected
and some of his friends are speaking for
war, but the hope is that this may be
avoided as an open rupture at
least.

I am not indulging in any rosy
visions for the immediate future of the
College and I suppose that I am no
exception in this matter judging from

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 8 1887

Col. D. H. Clarke

Dear Sir,

I have heard with surprise that you
have appointed and announced the cadet-
officers.

This is the first time since I have been
President of the College that the cadet-
officers have been appointed and
announced without the knowledge
of the President or without his
consent having been previously asked
or obtained

I beg to call your attention to page 46
11. Regulation 17. of the Regulations

Yours truly,
Geo. R. Patterson

It is an exercise of authority in

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direct conflict with paragraph 17 of
the Regulations

Yours truly

Jas R. Patterson

Oct. 30, 1887

Col. D.H. Clark, Commandant.

Dear Sir,

The discipline of the dormitory seems to be going from bad to worse. I am credibly informed that some of the best students are at times quite unable to study on account of the noise in some of the quarters. The roll calls for meals and for tater and onion are the most farce and a disgrace to the Military department. Unless these matters are remedied the demoralization will become complete and irreparable.

Yours truly,

Jas K. Patterson

President

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OF KENTUCKY.

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In order to institute a comparison it is necessary that the subjects under consideration possess some points or characteristics in common. Within the past two years two of the most prominent men in our Nation's military history have died. Both of these - George B. McClellan and Ulysses S. Grant - were educated at the same Academy, served together in the only war in which the American Republic was involved prior to the War of the Rebellion both had resigned their commissions in the army and engaged in business. Each responded to the call for Volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil War. The one precise accurate exacting and almost painfully formal organized disciplined and equipped the army with which the other doggedly persistent apparently unash yet with all careful and determined was destined to crush out one of the mightiest rebellions that ever threatened to shake a Government to its foundations then the former.

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assumed the command all was chaos and disorder the disorganized fragments of the divisions of the Army of the Shenandoah were seeking shelter behind the fortifications of Washington with a country in their rear clamouring for defence and a victorious army fresh from the glories of the First Manassas in their front what circumstances could be more embarrassing what possibly more responsible? The Capital required protection a force sufficient to answer this purpose and to check the victorious advance of the Confederate Army of the Potomac into Northern territory must be organized equipped and armed within three months in short the army must be made. To this herculean task the commander addressed himself hampered by the arbitrary and fluctuating Secretary and by the executive none the less anxious and peremptory. He transmitted to the army he was then moulding out of the mass of unorganized citizens utterly

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ignorant of the art of war and the use of arms" his redoubled energy in victory and patience in peace which characterized the Army of the Potomac as long as he remained its commander. The then assumed supreme command under circumstances which though apparently different were none the less embarrassing. As this juncture the situation was one which demanded prompt and decisive action. The victorious Army of the Confederate States had driven McClellan from in front of Richmond. baffled all Burnside's attempts to capture Fredericksburg and while Hooker and Sedgewick were preparing to repeat the tactics of Napoleon and the strategy of Messina at Nagram Lee had executed the master-piece of his military life and driven them beyond the Rapidan. The second invasion of the North had ended. the series of movements which resulted in the Battle of Gettysburg was concluded.

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the two armies once more faced each other on the old line of the Rapidan each ready to take advantage in his opponents strategy and the world watched with eagerness for the next move which would decide the fate of the Southern Confederacy and the future course of the American People. The latter maintaining that the subjection of the Confederate States was essential to the union of all the former that the union was the only object of war and that the war "should not be one looking to the subjugation of the People of any State in any event" and that as such it should be conducted on the highest principles known to Christian civilization that Richmond should not be the objective point but that the Confederate armies once defeated the principles which they sustained would soon cease to exist. Each peculiarly adapted to the position which he filled both

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were actuated by a love for their country each was
greatest in his particular sphere Vicksburg and
approximate the successes of the one which ruined
the seceded states cannot be regarded as
greater than Seven Days and the Antietam the
failures of the other which led the way

Wm A Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Coxington, Ky., January 24 1888

Capitol Printing Co
Frankfort Ky.

I hereby authorize The Evening -
Post Co. of Louisville Kentucky
to get and use the Cut of
the State College of Kentucky
now in your possession.
You will please deliver it
to them and oblige

Yours truly

Jas K Patterson

President

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State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., April 14 1884

Hon. J. Forster Knott
Governor of Kentucky.
Dear Sir,

You are probably not aware that
Hon. L. P. Blackburn while in office
as Governor of the Commonwealth
gave a medal called the "Governor's
Medal" to the student who made the
best record, under conditions prescribed
by the Faculty during the year, whose
publication was made in the annual
catalogue.

While this action forms a precedent, neither
the Faculty nor the Executive Committee
regard it, by any means as implying any
sort of obligation upon any succeeding
Governor.

There are some "Department Medals" given

by the Professor, each of whom bears the
upside of his own amendment.

The Faculty at this last meeting
appointed a committee of which I am
Chairman to have the medals prepared.
Before proceeding to obtain estimates
and designs it is deemed proper to
communicate with you and to leave
you pleasure.

My truly anxious with oblige.

Yours Obedt. Servant
James R. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., April 12, 1884

To John S. Callaway
Hon. J. Preston Knott
Governor of Kentucky.

Dear Sir,

You are probably aware that the late Governor Blackburn gave a medal called the "Governor's medal" to the student who made the best record, under conditions presented by the Faculty, during the year. Publication of this was made in the annual catalogue.

This of course forms no necessary precedent for any succeeding Governor of Kentucky. There are some class and department medals given by the Faculty each of whom bears the expense of his own award. The Faculty at this late meeting

Professor Mentis criticized the bill and
his views were so well received by the
Committee that he ^{was} asked to prepare
an alternative bill and submit it.
This ^{very} ~~action~~ ^{he} did. I heard nothing
more of it till after the lapse of
some weeks Senator Spruce told me
they had passed the "fertilizing bill" in
the Senate. I supposed this to be Mentis's
substitute until informed that it was
the old bill which had been modified
in some unimportant particulars.
I never had Logan's bill in my
possession. I saw it in the Senate
Chamber only. The Committee did not
regard my single suggestion as showing
evidence of "presumption, arrogance or
indecency". If you ^{do regard it} I should regret
it, and yet I am not aware that ^{Mr Logan or} any
other citizen of this Commonwealth has an
exclusive monopoly of legislation or
an special interest which excludes all

right of suggestion from others.
That is the head and front of my offending
so far as fertilizers are concerned.

Yours truly,
James R. Patterson

Respectfully refer you to Senator Spruce for
confirmation of the foregoing.

Yours

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State College of
Kentucky.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Coxington, Ky., May 21 1884

Dr. Felt

Dear Sir,

I have read with some surprise and some indignation the letter of Mr. J. A. Logan of Shelby to you of date May 10th, by or under which before the adjournment of the Legislature I was in Frankfort with Professor Mente. I had previously suggested to Senator Spence the propriety of having the Program of Agricultural Chemistry associated with the Program of General Chemistry in the Analysis of Fertilizers. On the invitation of the Committee I went to Frankfort where the Committee had its meeting and made this sole and single suggestion.

Logan's bill was read here and one opinion asked on it. I had no opinion beyond the suggestion made to Senator Spence.

Professor Munk criticized the bill and his views were so well received by the Committee that we were asked to draft an alternative bill and submit it. This Prof. Munk did. I heard nothing more of the matter till after the lapse of some weeks Senator Sprue told me they had passed the "fertilizing bill" in the Senate. I supposed this to be Munk's bill but I did not know until informed that it was the old bill which had been modified in some important particulars. I had Logan's bill never in my possession at any time. I saw it in the Senate Chamber only. The Committee did not regard my single suggestion as deserving notice of "presumptuous arrogance or imbecility". If you so regard it, I should regret it. And yet I am not aware that Mr Logan or any other citizen of this Commonwealth has an exclusive monopoly of legislation or a special

interest which excludes all right of suggestion from others.

This is the head and front of my offending so far as fertilizers are concerned.

Respectfully signed your obedient servant a member of the Committee for Conservation of the Foregoing.

Yours truly,
James R. Patterson

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Kentucky.

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Lexington, Ky., May 31 1884

Dr. Feltz

Dear Sir,

I have read with some surprise and some indignation the letter of Mr. J. A. Logan of Shelby County of date May 10th. At or eight weeks before the adjournment of the Legislature I was in Frankfort with Prof. Clarke. I had previously suggested to Senator Sprun the propriety of having the Professor of Agriculture ^{Chemistry} associated with the Professor of General Chemistry in the analysis of fertilizers. On the invitation of the Committee I went to Frankfort where the Committee had its meeting and made this sole and single suggestion. Logan's bill was read to us and our opinion asked on it. I had no opinion beyond the suggestion made to Senator Sprun.

By all Sides, North, South, White

Logan's friends criticized the bill and
his views were so well received by the
Committee that he ~~was~~^{was} asked to draft
an alternative bill and submit it.
His ~~friend~~^{friend} ~~he~~ did. I heard nothing
more of it till after the lapse of
some weeks. Senator Sprue told me
they had passed the "fertilizing bill" in
the Senate. I supposed this to be Mentie's
substitute until informed that it was
the old bill which had been modified
in some unimportant particulars.
I never had Logan's bill in my
possession. I saw it in the Senate
Chamber only. The Committee did not
regard my single suggestion as serving
evidence of "presumption, arrogance or
indecency". If you ~~do~~^{do regard it} I should regret
it, and yet I am not aware that ^{the Logan or} any
other citizen of this Commonwealth has an
exclusive monopoly of legislation or
a special interest which excludes all

right of suggestion from others.
That is the head and front of my offending
so far as fertilizers are concerned.

Yours truly,

James R. Pattison

Respectfully refer you to Senator Sprue for
corroboration of the foregoing.

Yours

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., May 21 1884

J. A. Logan Esq.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Price handed me this morning a letter addressed by you to him on the 18th inst., which I have read with surprise and indignation.

Several weeks before the close of the session I heard that a bill on fertilizers had been or would be introduced. I suggested to Senator Sprun the propriety of associating the Program of Agricultural Chemistry with the Program of General Chemistry in the Analytical work provided for by any measure which might be introduced on this subject.

On the invitation of the Committee I went to Louisville with Professor Munkie and met the Committee. I then had the honor to make to the Committee the suggestion which I had made to my Senator, in the propriety of

which they entirely commended. The Logan bill was read twice and some opinion asked on its merits. I said not a word because I was not competent to form an opinion except on some of the more general features of the bill. Professor Mente did however criticize it and his views were so well received by the Committee that we were asked to draft an alternative bill. This Professor Mente did. I heard nothing more of the matter till after the lapse of some weeks Senator Sprue informed me that the Antislavery bill had passed the Senate. I supposed this to be Mente's substitute until informed that it was the old bill which had been modified in some important particulars ^{by the Com. themselves}. I never had the Logan bill in my possession, at any time. ~~I saw it in the Senate Chamber only.~~

The Committee did not regard my suggestion as saving anything of "presumption"

as your correspondent ^{he suddenly does,} supposes you do under
arrogance or insincerity. You seem perplexed
which term to apply to me. Perhaps you
had better apply them all collectively, and
thus make sure that you cover the
whole ground.

I have yet however to learn that you
or any other citizen of this Commonwealth
have any exclusive monopoly of legislation
or any proprietary interest in any public
measure which excludes all right or
privilege of suggestion from another unless
by consent previously obtained.

It is quite probable that I promised you
certain statistics when I met you in
Halmouth. If so I had forgotten it. But you
could very easily have refreshed my memory
at any time and thus have gotten all you
wished.

Respectfully yours
James R. Patterson

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State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., May 22 1884

Dr. R. W. Pelt

Dear Sir,

I have read with some surprise and a good deal of indignation, the letter of Mr. J. A. Logan of Shelby to you of date May 10th. Several weeks before the close of the session, I heard that a bill on "Fertilizers" had been, or would be introduced. I suggested to Senator Spence the propriety of associating the Program of Agricultural Chemistry with the Program of General Chemistry in the Analytical work provided for by any measure which might be introduced on this subject. ^{when notified of the time of the meeting of the} ~~on the introduction of the~~ Committee I went to Frankfort with Professor Alcock and met the Committee. I then had the honor to make to the Committee the suggestion which I had made to Senator Spence, in the propriety of which the

Committee intently concerned. The Logan bill was read to us and our opinions asked. The suggestion which I had made concerned all I had to say. Professor Mentie did however criticize the bill and his views were so well received that we were asked to draft an alternative measure. This Professor Mentie did. I heard nothing more of the matter till after the lapse of some weeks. Senator Spurr informed me that the "Fidelity" bill had passed the Senate. I supposed this to be Mentie's substitute until he informed that it was the old bill which had been modified in some important particulars by the Committee themselves.

The Committee did not regard my suggestion as saving either of "presumptive arrogance or imbecility" as your correspondent supposes you do and as he evidently does.

I have just learned that Mr. Logan or

any other citizen of the Commonwealth has an exclusive monopoly of legislation or any proprietary interests in a public measure which excludes all right or power of suggestion from another unless indicated previously. I think.

I respectfully refer you to Senator Spurr a member of the Committee for consideration of the foregoing.

Yours Truly
James R. Patterson.

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Philadelphia Hancock Aug 18

Dear James

your kind and welcome
letter came to hand last Friday.
I do not know how to thank
you enough for your kindness,
we contemplate starting
to repair the house first
of next month the crops
here is not very good on ac-
count of the dry weather
the wheat is good but the
other crops is poor we have
had no rain for some
time there has been a
good many accidents in
this place Mother knew
old Mr. Stuteman him
and his horse was killed
by the cars the health

There is very good.
Stephen is not well
but is at work I am afraid
he will get down it look
like every one here, there
our tinbals I am sorry you
and family is not well
I will have to close wishing
to hear from you all
soon all sends there
love to you all my love
to all

your ever

Mary A Gony

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State College of
Kentucky,
President's Room

Lexington, Ky., Sep'r. 26 1884

Lieut. Milton

My Dear Sir,

Will you be so good as to
inform me when Chas. F.
Schmidt, late an officer in
the Navy died, whom he
married and why he was
driven?

I hope you are quite well.
With best wishes I am

Yours truly,

James K. Patterson

This information was
obtained from a young lady from or near
Richmond Virginia - In a few
months they were divorced.
I have no positive knowledge as
to the cause - Shortly after Schmitz
came to New Orleans and died.
Dr Taylor knew more of Schmitz personally
than any one I know of our time. But
Medical Director Schotfield was the
attending physician when S. died -

Obtained from Dr. Richardson ^{Lieut. U.S.A.}
Schmitz died at More Island
Naval Hospital in 1883. The
date can be found in the
Naval Register for that
year. The post mortem
was made by Dr Taylor
of 215 - Second St S. F. Ore
and I remember right
~~and~~ showed that he died
from an internal strangulated
hernia -
Schmitz had two wives.
One died about 1875 or 6
& left one child possibly
7 years old at that time.
In 1883 the boy was at
school in Mass. & could
write a fair school boy
letter to his father.
About 1881 - or 2 Schmitz

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Very my kind regards to Mrs. I. and Alice.

Fayette, Mo.,

21-8-1885-

My Dear Friend,

I thank you very much for your letter and for the general interest you have always shown in my behalf.

I was chosen to the chair by the unanimous vote of the Board. The major part remains for me to justify their judgment. This imposes a most trying task on me for at least the first year. My weakness is lack of practice in manipulation. This I hope to overcome.

There is little union as to how and why Physics should be taught. In a late circular from the Bureau of Education as found contradictory views on all points supported by equal authority.

In my Inaugural before the Board of Censors in January I hope to set my own views in clear light. I think there is a great deal of nonsense afloat about the study of Physics cultivating powers of observation, reasoning, faculties, &c.

I am disposed to think that by observing one set of phe-

nomena we learn to observe that set, but no other. Hence training sharpens our observing powers as to horses, but not as to electricity or magnetism. So by dealing with one set of phenomena we may learn to reason justly about them, but not about others. There is no superior discipline of reason than chess; but no amount of it will help at all in Political Economy. In fact, accuracy in reasoning seems to me to depend almost wholly on clearness of concepts, and clear concepts about one thing by no means imply clear ones about another. The real object of Physics seems to me to be to make nature-process ^{such} intelligible. A process is in

its last analysis intelligible when expressed in terms of mass and motion. Of course, this goal is not now attainable, but it must be kept in sight. A student studies Physics, then, to understand the world of sense around him. This defines the why of the study. Of the how I cannot yet speak so confidently; the first year will be rather tentative. But my answers as to how shall be given in the light of the above answers as to why.

I think an enormous injury to College studies is done by claiming that they do for the student what they demonstrably do not do. The pseudo years pouring over

Greek and Latin text, not for themselves, but because he ^{is told} thinks they will help him in his after life as banker or dry goods merchant. They don't do it, he feels that he has been swindled.

I would not the claims of each study on its own real, intrinsic, indisputable worth. If the knowledge of the life of the Ancients, and of their literature, and the enlarged view of art, history, humanity gained by the study of Greek and Latin seem to any one insufficient reward for the study given them, then

such a one had better study something else, or nothing at all. That is the way the matter looks to me now; on this subject, as on others, I am always open to conviction. One word more as to mental culture. As is implied in the foregoing it consists not so much in exercise of the mind as in growth of it. In fact, the general end of culture is growth. The mind is made bigger by introducing into it (this this is a faulty picture-phrase) new concepts. From the above you may form some notion of what the

Inaugural will be. If, or
thinks any of the above views
need serious corrections, I
should be greatly obliged
to you for the suggestions.

I thought I sent you an
invitation to my wedding,
Oct. 25, 1882. He has one
child, a boy, born Aug. 24, '83.

Your closing advice I
accept most kindly and
thankfully. I may say,
however, that my views are
not so far off from those of
the majority of Christians
as might be readily supposed.

My revolt was primarily a-
gainst a traditional system
of interpretation and a certain
narrow view of Christianity.
Both of these are for me now
overcome standpoints, at which

I look calmly, charitably,
not unsympathetically. Alle-
giance to Christ I never re-
nounced but always avowed,
and am now daily strengthening
by deeper and deeper study of
His life and work. My author-
ities are at once radical in crit-
icism and fervent in piety.
During the past year and a half
I have taught in my own way a
large "Citizens' Class" in S. S.,
finishing Galatians, 1 Corinthians,
and beginning Mark.

The regret at my leaving here is
wholly unique in keenness and
generality. The citizens were willing
to make up a purse of \$500 to keep me.
Individuals offered \$75, \$50, \$25.
I hope the State College flourishes.

With deep and lively gratitude,

J. W. B. Smith

Pres. Dr. J. K. Patterson.

Coxington, Ky., April 2 1885 -

Professor Maurice Kirby,

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking a good deal of
the paper which you submitted to me
yesterday morning and of your remarks
upon its substance.

I was taken completely by surprise,
inasmuch as I had never thought
that you regarded the presence of
those, who did not intend to become
teachers, in your classes as
prejudicial to the work of your
department or in any way
compromising its usefulness or

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efficiency. I was still further surprised
that any & public statement from
Prof. Tullerman regarding my relations
to his work should have deterred
you from taking any steps to rid
your department of elements to it
and which you felt to be an
incubus upon it.

On reflection I am not prepared
to advise ~~a acquiescence~~ in the
continuance of this foreign element
in your classes. I am ready
to make provision for their separate
instruction. I would be greatly censurable

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If after being advised of the incursions I
should find it wise proper steps to relieve
you of it. I will ask the authority
of the Ex. Com. to sanction measures
for your relief. Please to furnish
me with lists of those who do not
belong to your Department and the
terms of this resolution

I regret that you did not mention
this matter earlier. It was surely
a proper subject for mention in
your annual report, and especially
in your report to Dr. Sprague
Committee. I would at any time

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have advised the withdrawal of
such students as interfered with
the proper work of your Department

Yours truly,

James K. Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 9 1885-

County Court Clerk of Fayette County-
will please give Thomas Monroe a
written statement that there is no
incumbrance on the property-
discussed in the mortgage herewith
submitted. Thos. Monroe will
pay charges if any.

Respectfully

James R. Patton

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State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., April 8 1886

Col. F. E. Phelps

Dear Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the following
Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees
at their Annual Meeting June 3 1884,
and already communicated to you.

"The documents shall be recorded by the
Commandant in a book kept for that
purpose and shall be submitted on
the first and fifteenth of each month
to the President who shall have full
power for sufficient reason, to modify or
omit at his discretion."

Also the following resolution of the Executive
Committee passed Dec. 2 1883 -

"Maj. R. P. Johnston submitted the following
resolution which was unanimously adopted
viz: 'That the service roll-call
provided for by the Regulations shall

take place hereafter at 6-30 A.M. and
that the later roll-calls provided for
shall take place at 8-30 P.M."

The Regulations of the Board, I regret to say,
has been almost entirely ignored; the
Resolutions of the Executive Committee has,
I understand, been entirely disregarded for
some weeks past.

Yours obt servant
Jos. N. Patterson

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Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., Aug 11 1886

My dear Fisher

We arrived here safely this morning at 4.30 I telegraphed you this morning our train was wrecked at Mr. Sterling. through a ~~delayed~~ open switch & delayed 4 hours. We are enjoying ourselves immensely en route to Norfolk this evening. Many of Lexington people here but I do not remember me was kind to us both.

Merker is in a hurry & I expect to hear from you to-morrow

Yours in Love
Col Bonchum & family are ^{here}

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State College of
Kentucky,
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20 1886

Messrs Linnell & Bodley
Gentlemen

Your last communication was presented
to the Executive Committee at their
meeting on Wednesday the 8th inst.
The Committee still adhere to the opinion
expressed in their resolution of Nov. 3rd 1886
a copy of which was transmitted to you.
Notwithstanding their adherence to this
opinion the undersigned Committee
were instructed "to tender to Messrs
Linnell & Bodley this obligation in
a promissory note, due one year
hence, for \$500 as satisfaction
in full for legal services in re
Hill vs. Hamilton if an adverse
decision be rendered in the Court of
Appeals, without prejudice however to
a reasonable claim for additional

compensation of the decision of the lower
Courts be affirmed, and on condition
that if there be necessity for reargument,
such reargument shall be made
without extra fee."

The undersigned were instructed further
to make a similar tender on like
conditions to Gen. W. G. P. B. Patton, Jr.
The Committee would have tendered
a cash payment instead of a
promissory note but they will not
be in possession of the funds
required during the present fiscal
year which ends Sept. 1 1887

Respectfully

W. B. Kimball

W. D. Nicholas

Geo. R. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., June 20 1887

Capt. C. J. Allen.

My Dear Sir.

I owe you an apology for an
unpaid Telegram sent you today.

I gave it to a messenger to take
to the office with money to pay it
When he got to the office the
operator told him the tariff.

He found he had not quite
money enough and instead of telling
the operator to charge the
difference to me he allowed it
to go unpaid. When I called to
pay the operator I had the investigation
to learn that it had been so sent.

I enclose however the cost of
Telegram and also a 2 in.
advertisement which you will
please insert to the extent of

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\$3.00 in the Weekly Beacon and
send bill to me.

We have had an unusually
successful year. 297 students.
Please call editorial attention
to advertisement.

Yours faithfully
Jas. K. Patterson

I will give free tuition to any
well prepared deserving young
man whom you may send
me for one year and
you may have all the
credit of the benefaction.

J. K. P.

Lexington, Ky., July 9 1887

Hon J.B. McCreary

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of the letter of Dr. W.W. Moore addressed
to you in behalf of Dr. Emil
Schwendler, and by your transmission
to me.

I shall take pleasure in laying
it with the other ^{testimonials} credentials before
the Ex. Com. when they meet.

I have the honor to be

Yours obt. servant

Jas. K. Patterson

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Cerington, Ky., Nov. 14 1887

and "indignity" the "high-spirited" boy had to undergo. The facts referred to in connection with the cheque, written from the beginning, I will establish beyond future satisfaction and the satisfaction of the Court.

If you desire to hold any further communication with me you can do so through my attorney
C. B. Kimbrell Esq.

Amos R. Patterson

Mr. J. Eugene Barnes.

Sir,

Yours were handed me last night - your note of yesterday.

You write as follows: "The momentary mortification to which he has been subjected, endangering his self respect should never have taken place. To punish a high-spirited boy for no fault of his own, however unintentionally and seemingly, convincing to the contrary, to say the least, was cruel and undignified in the authority which inflicted the penalty".

If you mean the foregoing to apply to yourself, I say amen to every word of it. If however, you mean, as I suppose you do, to apply it to me it is simply impudent. Told you soon that you

cheque had been returned protested, supposing that
he might have some possible explanation for
the extraordinary occurrence. Afterwards when
operating under your instructions I drew on
you for the amount and the draft was not
brought up and, told him of this still more
extraordinary occurrence. Meanwhile not only did
you leave me unpaid but you furnished him
no means as far as I could learn for
payment of his back though that informed
you that non-payment for two weeks
excludes from the mess. Who prepared this
series of "multiplications of cruelties and indignities"
which you condemn. Truly not I.
I can only say that the factor who attempted
to pay or induce an innocent party to pay
his son's tuition books and board by a
cheque drawn by him with not a
cent to protect it, and he knew at the
time it was drawn that he had not a
copper in the bank to protect is alone
responsible for whatever "multiplication" "cruelty"

Coxington, Ky., June 11 1888

Prof. J. R. Potter

Dear Sir.

Your letter of this date is received. After reciting the origin and character of your connection with the College you say:

"The Board has terminated my connection with the Institution. I now request a full statement of the causes of this action and also a statement of the charges brought against me". In reply thereto I beg to say: The Charter of the College contains the following: The Board of Trustees shall have full power to suspend or remove, at will, any and all officers, teachers, professors, or agents whom they are authorized ^{by law} to appoint.

You will observe that the discontinuance

of the services of an officer, teacher,
professor, or agent" does not require
that the cause or causes of action be
stated, or that charges be preferred. The
same applies with equal force to a
determination not to reappoint in a case
where the connection of an officer, teacher,
~~or~~ professor, or agent, expires by limitation.
In order to relieve themselves of the further
continuance of a connection which they did
not desire to maintain the Board of Trustees
by resolution resolved that your further
connection with the College cease and determine
from date. This they did without preferring
charges or stating cause of action further
than is contained in the minute a copy of
which has already been sent to you
Yours truly, I. K. Patterson

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Lexington, Ky., June 23 1888

Professor Crandall

Sir,

When you have entered your grades
on the reports herewith sent return
them to me.

Geo. W. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., Nov 4 1888

Col. D.H. Clark

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note of today I
beg today!

I will detail as an addition to
the clerical force which you say
is insufficient to write up the
weekly lists of deservents for the
Dormitory Cadet Book who will
until his duties as Sergeant-
Color bearer are required give
one hour each day for five
days in the week to clerical
work in this direction.

I regret that you did not inform
me at the beginning of the term
that your clerical force was
inadequate for this purpose. The
good effect which was intended

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to result from posting the document
but weakly will be in great measure
neutralized by this neglect

Yours truly

Geo. K. Patterson

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Lexington, Ky., Apr. 6 1888

Col. D. H. Clark

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of this date
in reference to the weekly reports of
the Bill of fare &c of the mess
in which you say: "I would
ask further instructions as to
whether this duty contemplates
my presence at each meal,
Also if it is expected that
I inspect each article before
and after cooking and if such
is the ~~case~~ intention I shall

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be obliged to decline the duty."
I beg to reply that the questions
asked were not raised in the
Committee, much less discussed.
I cannot consequently say with
certainty what was in the
mind of the mover. I cannot
imagine however that he or
any member of the Committee
intended to be either ^{directly} ~~directly~~ ^{indirectly} ~~indirectly~~
or obviously minute in
their requirements. I cannot
suppose that they intended to
require "an inspection of each

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article before and after cooking".
I suppose they intended a
reasonably comprehensive inspec-
tion of the Victuals such as
enabled you to make the
reports of last year, and that
this might at times, when
inconvenient for you to be
there, be done and reported
by your subordinate officers
of the mess, which reports
could be incorporated by
you and made your own.
I am if you desire suborn

your questions to the Committee at
their next meeting.

Meanwhile I must leave it to
your own sense of duty and
a reasonable construction of
the intention of the Committee
whether you will make the
reports or decline to make
them, in accordance with the
action of the Committee which
I had the honor to communicate.

Yours truly
Jas K Patterson

Lexington, Ky., April 19 1889

Col. Clark

Sir,

After reflecting on our interview of
yesterday I feel it my duty to ask
you as an honorable man and
as a matter of simple justice to me
to say to the person or persons, who
you say, informed you shortly after
your arrival in Lexington that
I would not deal honestly with
you and that I would obtain
feloniously and for ^{dishonorable} ~~ignoble~~ purposes
the papers which you had placed
in my hands, that I denounce each
statement as false and calumnious
in whole and in part and that
he or they are bound in honor
ever to justify these statements in
my presence or to authorize you

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to make on his or their behalf a
full retraction and ample apology
for the wrong done me.

Respectfully

Geo. R. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., April 21 1889

Col. Delant.

Sir,
While looking for some other papers
this morning I had the pleasure to find
the testimonials which you sent
home from St. Louis and which
the Malignant Scoundrel of whom
you spoke the other day informed
you that I would retain jealously
for dis honorable ^{then in honor over you.} purposes - to hold.
I return them not with the expectation
that your opinion, whatever it may
be, ^{or his} may be modified, but because
~~they are your own~~ and you are
entitled to them.

Regretting that I did not succeed in
finding them when you ^{asked for} requested them.

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When some time ⁻⁹⁰ ~~ago~~ I am

Respectfully

~~James R. Patterson~~

With the request that you will do me
the justice to show this to the base
calumniator, I am

Respectfully

James R. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., April 26 1889

Col. Leake - Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your note of the 21st inst, which
came to hand this morning. I have
now desire to discuss the scope and
meaning of Sec 1225 - Revised Statutes
U. S., because I do not know what
it contains, what I desire to know
and what your note of today does
not inform me is what duties
if any do you propose to continue
to discharge in the management of the
dormitory, and what duties if any
do you refuse to discharge or to
undertake in the management of the
dormitory? I do not ask the
ground upon which you reach

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a decision in the one case or
in the other.

I need hardly add that an early
answer as definite as you can
make it will much oblige

Respectfully

Gen. V. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., January 4 1896

L. Saunders Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst. is received.
My Brother Walter who has been attending
to the business says that he has
no recollection of an execution issued
against Ramsay on Oct 19 1894.
Perhaps you can refresh his
memory by recalling some of the
facts.

Yours truly

James K. Patterson.

Dear Sir: The records show
that on the 21st of July 94. an
execution was issued and \$53.¹³ was
collected thereon. Then on the 19th of Oct. 94
another was issued "but returned" no property

Summit" by Mr Dickerson Sheriff, then
on the 11th of Sept. 95 another was
issued ^{and} returned "No property found"
by Mr Dennis Sheriff. Each execution
was issued by order of your attorney
Mr L. H. Skelley who paid for the
one of date July 21, 1894, leaving
the others unpaid.

Yours truly
L. Saunders.

Jan 7, 1896.

Lexington, Ky., March 9 1896

Mrs. Maria B. Dudley
Dear Madam,

Your note of the 28th ult, advising
me of your "determination to withdraw from
from the A. & M. College" did not, by
some mischance, come into my hands
until yesterday.

It should, with propriety, have been
addressed to the Secretary of the Union
Literary Society, the members of which
invited Mr. Breckinridge to address them on
the evening of the 22nd of February.

Sympathetic with your desire to make
you son a decent and an honest man,
and hope that you will realize your desire
to the fullest extent. I think, however, that
you exaggerate the apprehended ^{influence} persons.
Which the address of that evening is likely to
cast. Mr. Breckinridge has been so

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Thoroughly concerned and distressed by persons
of both sexes, for over a year and a half,
that their efforts upon this community have
been fully discomfited already. Moreover while
I am so apologetic for an evil life I think
that a penance of one or two years
with profound ^{repentance} penitence, sufficient to satisfy
the Church, should induce in us to deal
charitably with our fellows.

Yours O. W. Duvall

James K. Patterson

[Apr. 2]

Lexington, Ky., 1896

Hon. A. R. Peterman.

Dear Sir,

In your issue of the 31st Oct. an editorial on Educational Progress in Mississippi makes an invidious comparison between the University of Miss. and the State College of Kentucky, and by implication between the Chancellor of that institution and myself.

In view of the relations which have heretofore existed between us I am unable to account for the animus which inspires the conclusion of the article. It is unjust to the College and unkind to me.

I was not aware that you had any grievance against me personally or any grudge against the College.

The conditions under which the University of Miss. and the State College of Kentucky came into being and under which they have developed are so dissimilar that the basis for a legitimate comparison does not exist. To any one who cares to make himself

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acquainted with the facts the State College needs no apology, for years it was compelled to struggle for existence against odds which seemed overwhelming. It had to fight its way against open enemies and hypocritical friends. It had to vindicate its right and title to live before it could thought of how it should grow and in what direction it should expand. All that it has it has won and kept by the sword. The only matter for surprise is that it has survived the fierce assaults of denominational rancor and the half hearted support of true serving friends. No one should know this better than you.

I have no desire to perpetuate a newspaper controversy. I had hoped that the few years remaining to me would pass in peace and quietness, and that I should be permitted to end my connection with the College to the upbuilding of which I have given the best years of my life in

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peace and charity - with all men. My work, whatever
will or ill done must speak for itself.

I may be permitted in conclusion to express my
deep regret that the disparaging comparison
of myself and the results of my labor comes
from one whom I had esteemed my friend
and that the concluding statements in the comparison
are utterly at variance with the facts.

Airdrie, Jan. 7. '94.
(P.O. Paradise, N.Y.)

My dear Sir:

I have received your
letter of the 2nd instant.

Under the Regulations,
either the Regiment or as
amended, the Director of
the Experiment Station
is not a member of
the College Faculty.

That seems to be the
logical rule, and in
framing the amendment
the question was consid-
ered in that light purely.

If you will allow me

justifications they may be in their provisions;
and it is to be feared in this case that
the result of any further measures is ineffi-
ciency in the enforcement, being brought
forward as evidence against the Regula-
tions themselves.

With much esteem,
Yours &c. &c. &c.

D. E. French

Prof. J. H. Patterson,

Paradise State College,

Lehigh Valley, N.Y.

I venture to remark, that in your place I could have made no compromise or terms with the military instructor, except on the strict basis of the Regulations. His habitual presence at the College - prominently his quartering there night and day - is an essential condition of a zealous and efficient grasp of the duties of Commandant. The proviso that "he shall be on the grounds as frequently as shall seem necessary until lights are out", falls far

short of covering the requirements of the law.

It is not the suppression of an existing or threatened risk that is the object of his functions, but the supervision and enforcement of positive rules, and the maintenance of an habitual state of good order by the exercise of "strict vigilance". I fear you are to be disappointed if you have looked to anything short of a full compliance, in fact a firm insistence upon the authority of the Regulations, is the only way to give them dignity and effect, however

Airdrie, Dec. 28. '93.
(P.O. Paradise, 127.)

My dear Sir:

I received yesterday your letter of the 19th inst. ant.

The Board of Trustees at its last meeting repeated the usual fault of hurrying away, leaving its duties unfinished. This time, fortunately, it did not crown the error by empowering the Executive Committee to revoke its work. Material progress was made in some important particulars, and if no backslides are taken, and the present advantage is improved, you will have

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ant. They are by all odds more laborious, continuing and harassing than the duties of any other position in the College, expecting that of the President; and in a culture where they are more important also, though it is not easy to make a practical comparison between the value of the merely academic, and the moral and physical training, that is, the wrestling in at least the controlling of the habits and general deportment of the Students. When you make the position of Superintendent sought after by Confident Officers, not for ease and pleasure, but for the credit and emolument to be ~~received~~ derived from it, you will secure an invaluable

gained much, and the College will have gained much.

I do not think it would be advisable to call a special meeting of the Board, and certainly I would give no countenance to any unauthorized action by the Executive Committee.

I think you need have no trouble in satisfying Col. Clay if he will take up thoroughly the duties prescribed for the Commandant in the Regulations.

You cannot pay him, nor engage that he shall be paid; but you can tell him that you will lay the case before the Board at its next meeting, and he will have no fear that the Board

will not allow the compensation for which you conditionally arrange with him. If the case had been exactly as above, I must have proposed in our report on salaries to allow the Commandant, if he performs the President's duties, \$1,000, charging him \$200. for his house furnished on request in my former report. I am sure that Mr. Johnston and Capt. Spurr would have concurred in that provision, and that at the next meeting of the Board they will sustain your conditional arrangement to that effect. That is the very lowest compensation that I would consider adequate for the duties required of the Commandant.

assistance, and achieve
an enviable success in your
College Government.

The modification of
the salaries of the Treasurer,
Business Agent and Secretary,
goes into effect on the 1st
of January, as in the other
cases.

Please accept my best
wishes for a merry Christ-
mas and a very happy New
Year.

With great esteem,
Yours truly,

D. C. Buell

Prof. J. H. Patterson
West State College,
Jefferson, Ky.

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Airdrie, Dec. 7. '93.
(R.C. Paradise, 14.)

My dear Sir:

I have hoped - indeed I may say I have confidently expected until the last moment, that I should be with you at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 12th instant. But we have no hear highway, and I find it impossible to leave my home under such protection as would relieve me from anxiety during my absence. I must therefore give up the thought of attending the meeting.

I leave by this mail

sent my report on Salaries
to Maj. Johnston. I have
also written to him concern-
ing the proposed regulations
which you submitted to me.

I want like you to see
what I have done and
said on these subjects, and
to make sure that they
do not miss attention
through his possible ab-
sence from home.

I have postponed
acknowledging the
receipt of your last
letter, which interested
me. I wished at the
same time to advise
you of the completion of

The last my report, which has been always
larger than I intended, and which in fact I
expected to present in person. I trust that

the course which I have to be of distant
importance to the welfare of the college,
will not lack effective support at
the approaching meeting of the Board,
and that you will believe me, always,

Very sincerely & truly,
Your obedient servant,

Prof. W. H. Patterson,

Recd. St. Louis College,
St. Louis, Mo., 1879.

D. E. Puck

Lexington, Ky., April 28, 1897.

My Dear Brother:

I received your letter by the noon mail to day. Am glad you arrived safe. I had become very uneasy before John returned.

I found no garment or part of a garment in Lucelia's room.

I locked the doors, however, and put away the Key.

Received a notice from the First-National Bank calling for payment of draft; also a notice from the L. and N. freight-depot that your shipment had arrived. Will send your check to J. M. Bell this evening, and as soon as I get Bill of Lading will order the goods sent out.

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We are both well. Nothing
new. Love to you both,
Your loving brother,
W.K. Patterson.

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2 Airdrie, July 18. '97.
My dear Sir:

I read with satisfaction your discourse at Bowdoinham on the subject of the State College, and with unusual interest and pleasure your address on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee.

I send both to our friend Judge Eames,

who will know well
how to appreciate them.

I had seen in the
papers the case which
you cite to illustrate
the difference between
Great Britain and our
own country in the
administration of
justice. The compar-
ison is striking and
just, and might be

extended in a good many directions
for the instructions.

With much regard,

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Smith.

Prof. A. E. Rotherham,

Washington, D. C.

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Col. Williams

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Riley the bearer of this tells me that he is ordered to join his Company this afternoon returns to Headquarters on military duty. He has lost most of the time from his class duties since New Year. He is making a strenuous effort to bring up his class work but if he be again interrupted it will be hopeless to attempt to go on. I appeal to you to release the cad and let him attend to his College duties. It is a serious thing to interrupt the education of a young man and throw him back a whole year perhaps throw him back altogether. I appeal to you on behalf of his parents and on behalf of the Faculty to release him.

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Sincerely hope that you will procure
his release.

Yours truly

James K. Patton

I heartily endorse the above.

Jas. F. White

O. W. Matthews.

J. M. Pryor

R. M. Quark, Dept. Ped.

John P. Brooks, Prof. C. E.

M. L. Pierce

Prof. of Physics.

R. Wernicke

Prof. Med. Langys

A. St. Clair MacKenzie

J. Paul Anderson

W. F. Carpenter

Mar. 26, 1889

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

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Gentlemen of the Faculty of the above named college
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the
resolution of the Faculty deprecating the feeling
of towards the President which led to my
resignation.

Permit me to say that I am not immune
to the kindly spirit in which it is conceived,
but I cannot do less than to assure the
Faculty that I have in this matter been
guided by an intelligent sense of duty, and
further that any resentments which I may
have expressed, can, as some of you know
be fully justified without going outside
of the experience of the Faculty. It will be to
me therefore the occasion of sincere regret
if I shall sacrifice the good opinion of my former
associates by a course of action which every dictate
of interest in and care for the building up of a
genuine Agr. & Mech. College requires me to pursue.

Res. Ky. Mar. 26, '89, Very sincerely A. B. Crandall

to George B. Kinhead

Oct. 2, 1901.

My dear Judge,

I was quite surprised by the contents of your letter of the 1st., inst., which came yesterday afternoon. You have entirely misapprehended what I said to the Executive Committee on Monday night.

I did not say that Mr. Miller told me "that the lodge had taken cognizance of the rumors" - rumors which I communicated to the Executive Committee - "relating to Mr. Blanton and had appointed a committee to investigate them". Miller did not so state to me nor did I so state to the Executive Committee.

On or about the 12th., or 13th., of September, Miller in talking with me of the rumors which caused me to write to Blanton the letter, a copy of which I read to the Executive Committee on Monday night said that some time ago the lodge appointed a Committee to see Blanton in regard to some matters reported to them or within their cognizance and that he took their mission in ill part. What the nature of the rumors or irregularities were I did not enquire and he did not say.

I do not claim verbal accuracy for what I ^{state} relate Miller told me, but it was substantially as set forth above.

Now as near as I can recall what I said to the Executive Committee on Monday night is as follows: Some time ago the Elks appointed a Committee to confer with Blanton upon his "irregularities". The introductory phrase "some time ago" indicated with sufficient clearness priority in time to the period embraced by the rumors under consideration by the Executive Committee.

Now while there was no necessary connection between the statement of Miller which I ^{repeated} separated, obiter dicta, and the matter under ^{consideration} discussion by the Executive Committee, yet it was suggestive of the fact that

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Blanton's affairs had been subject of comment before the rumors became current about him which we had under consideration on Monday night.

From the foregoing you will see that it is not necessary to show your letter ^{to} Miller as you requested. Indeed, I doubt whether I could do so in any case inasmuch as the Committee enjoined silence upon its members in regard to all that had been said and done by the Committee on Monday night.

The same injunction would ^{not} however prevent your correcting the misapprehension which you communicated to the Secretary of the Elks' Lodge and which formed the basis of your letter to me.

With sincere regard,

Your friend,

(Signed.)

James K. Patterson.

GEO. B. KINKEAD.

MAURY KEMPER.

C. W. MILLER.

LAW OFFICES OF
KINKEAD, KEMPER & MILLER.

ROOMS 24, 25, 26, 27 NORTHERN BANK B'LDG.,

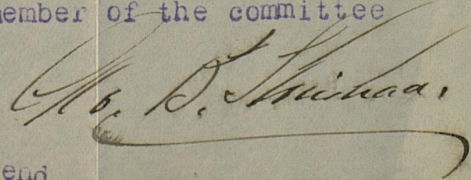
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY. Oct. 3rd, 1901.

Prof. Jas. K. Patterson,
State College,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Professor:-

I am more surprised at your letter this morning than you could possibly have been at the contents of mine of the 1st inst. So anxious was I to be sure that I was right, that before despatching that letter to you, I submitted it to Col. Nelson, and asked him the distinct question if I had quoted you correctly. He said that I had, and expressed his unqualified approval of my letter. I sought Mr. Frazee at the same time, but failed to find him. This morning, however, I called in Mr. Frazee and Mr. Stoll, and before submitting any correspondence to them, asked them for their recollection of your statement to us on Monday night, in relation to Mr. Miller's communication to you upon the subject of Mr. Blanton and the Elks' lodge. They both agreed with me in their recollection; and when I produced a letter press copy of my letter to you, said that it contained an accurate statement of what you had said. I would not do either you or Mr. Miller an injustice, but I quoted you as I understood you, and as every other member of the committee understood you.

Truly your friend



Lexington, Ky., Nov. 23 1901

Rev. Bruce A. Jenkins.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst which came to hand this morning. While I have no desire to promulgate this matter further I wish to make a further statement of facts as they come to me and as I have them within my own knowledge.

1. You say "Our Manager came to me and urged me to write to your son Beckham saying that the Manager of your team and your students generally, since this President was away desired that I write also on their behalf".

On this statement I remark that our Manager Mr. Wilson denies in emphatic and unequivocal terms that he writes for himself or for "our students generally" or for any such desire to your Manager. The student body deny collectively and individually that they either expressed such

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a desire to you directly or indirectly through our
manager or yours or through any one else.

2 Again you say as if to place the matter at issue
beyond doubt, "Indeed the the Editor of the
Kentuckian telephoned me to the same effect"
Now the fact is that the Editor of the Kentuckian
has no connection whatever with the State College
of which he ceased to be a student more than two
years ago. He has no more authority to speak for the
State College, its faculty or its students, than I
have to speak for the faculty and students of
Kentucky University.

I cannot share your regret that the game for
Thanksgiving day was cancelled by your manager.

Under the conditions which have existed for the last

six weeks we have no cause to regret the
cancellation. Still our manager and team would
have shrank from abrogating on a flimsy pretext
a virtual contract.

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While desiring kindest personal relations with Kentucky
University it seems to me that the conditions which have
negatively existed are ill adapted to accomplish
that end.

I have the honor to be

Yours Obedt. Servant

James K. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., February 19 1902

Major McKee.

Dear Sir,

I must have the report due to the
Cordance Dept. and have it immediately.

This is now the third time I have
asked for it? Why do you delay and
neglect matters of importance?

Yours truly

James K. Patterson

Pres Patterson

Dear Sir:-

The blank form for
quarterly return are out, and I made
a requisition on Chief of Ordnance for
more, several days since. There various
other forms here not needed but none
of that particular kind. I asked that
they be sent at once and hope to get
them today or tomorrow at latest. Resp
Rolt a more

Lexington, Ky., March 31 1902

To The Executive Committee of the State College
Lexington Kentucky

In reference to the Resolution offered by Mr. Stoll
and adopted by the Ex. Com. March 28th 1902
directing any person not a member of the Board
who had received travelling expenses to and from
Frankfort in connection with College matters
and pending legislation before the General Assembly
to refund the same they say:

Walter K. Patterson whose account for travelling
expenses I approved and signed a cheque in
payment of the same visited Frankfort at
several times immediately before the General
Assembly convened to do work of the utmost
importance, and during the meeting of the
General Assembly to report me when I could
not go in person on account of my feeble
health.

On Dec 23 I sent him with the report of the

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legislature 1898 and 1900 amply fitted him
for the duty required. During the latter days
of the Assembly it was indispensable that some
one should be there all the time. I am
sure that but for the presence there during
these latter days, a most critical time, of
Hon. B. W. Bradburn, Hon. J. F. Hager
Hon. Mc D. Ferguson and W. K. Patton
no legislation in behalf of the College could
have been carried. In fact to March 14, 15, 17,
and 18 dates on which neither Judge Kirkland
nor I could be there. When the latter could
be in front of him he did most excellent
work.

Walter K. Patton went reluctantly and only
at my urgent request. I make this statement in
justice to myself and to him. Twenty years ago
I could have been there in person during the whole
time but not now.

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Committee appointed by the Board to be made
to the Governor and through him to the Legislature,
On Jan'y 7 he went to carry my written wishes
to many members in regard to the composition
of the College Committees of the Senate and House.
These letters contained the names of members
suggested by members of the Board, On
Jan'y. 13 sent him ^{some of the} bills which had
been prepared for introduction with personal
letters to the members to whom they were to be
committed for introduction.

Later on when I could not go and once
when he accompanied me I assigned him
specific duties and charged him with
certain confidential communications to members
of the House and Senators. I went in person
whenever I could but I felt that I was
physically quite unequal day after day to
the task. His previous experience with the

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has much as he rendered these services and
incurred these expenses at my instance and
not at his own dictation as for his own pleasure
I have my cheque to the Executive Committee
in reimbursement of money paid for the
same whose return is now demanded by
the Resolution. I request that account should be returned,
I respectfully request that this communication be
made part of the Record of the Executive
Committee of this date

Yours Obt. Servant
James K. Patterson.

State College of Kentucky,

Jas. K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.

Lexington, Ky., August 20th 1903.

Supt. R. A. Burton,
Shelbyville, Ky.,

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your communication of August 19th I shall say that it is too late to make an appointment according to law for this year, but if the young man can pass our entrance examinations we will give him free tuition and matriculation for this year.

Yours truly,

James K. Patterson -
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Shelbyville, Ky. Aug 21.

Dear Sir:

I send you Pres. Patterson's letter, that you may know what to do. Call me up over phone if I can do anything else.
Sincerely, R. A. Burton

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 6th 1903

My dear Judge Barker.

Your letter advising me of the action of the Committee in reference to R. L. Blanton was received today.

I was not surprised but grieved to learn your decision. I know the goodness of your heart lead you to condone his offence, you could not know about him as I know. If I had had opportunity to appear before the Committee and present the case against him as I could have done I think you would not have reinstated him.

He is a consummate scoundrel and a consummate hypocrite. He is foul in his imagination and in his speech and a malignant detractor of the worst type.

Dr Huffman yielded to his importunities

and appeared in his behalf before you with
a statement in mitigation of his forgery
which he would not have made a

year earlier. And Dr. Huggman is not
the only man whose name he forged.

My role is a difficult one at the best.

It is bad enough to have enemies without

but worse to have them in one's own

homehold. It is sometimes difficult to

manage the affairs of the College with

the loyal cooperation of my colleagues

who are gentlemen, more difficult by

far when I am liable to be stabbed

in the back by a scoundrel who

eats the bread of the College. He is not

a fit instructor of youth of either sex.

He should be behind the bars if he

had his deserts rather than in the Chair

of an Assistant Professor.

As a matter of course I can have no

respect for a man of whom I hold

such an opinion.

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You will pardon me for the warmth with
which I express my opinion.

There is a good prospect of a large
attendance. I am glad that you came
up on Thursday last and that you
were pleased with the work which had
been done.

Do not misunderstand me to fight on your
in the matter of Blanton. I am only
sorry that I have associated for another
year with a man whom I heartily
despise.

With kindest regards and best wishes
for you and Mrs. Benton I am

Yours with much affection
James K. Patterson

State College of Kentucky

H. C. Frazer, Business Agent

Lexington, Ky. December 17, 1903.

To

His Excellency,

J. C. W. Beckham, Governor of Kentucky,

Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

It is proper that your Excellency should be advised of some facts connected with the State College of Kentucky in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly. The Biennial report will be made through you as required by law but the considerations now submitted are herewith presented in advance of the transmission of the Report.

The State College of Kentucky has grown and expanded far beyond the expectations of its most sanguine friends twenty years ago. Its Faculty of instruction and investigation has increased in numbers Eight-fold. Its courses of ~~study~~ ^{Study} in like proportion. Its matriculation in the College proper, exclusive of the Normal School and the Academy has increased within that period nearly ten-fold. New Departments have been added, new courses of study established, Extensive Laboratories for Chemistry, Botany, Biology, Physiology, Engineering, Physics have been equipped and maintained in order to make instruction effective in these Departments of Science.

Meanwhile income has fallen short of expenditure and a constantly growing deficit with a corresponding constantly growing expenditure has materially crippled our development.

Accommodations which were ample twenty years ago now fall far short of our requirements. Previously existing classes have grown in numbers and new classes have been formed as new ^{Courses} ~~classes~~ of instruction were added. The Freshman class in mathematics for example has grown from twenty or thereabouts to 120. The same class in English in corresponding

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Lexington, Ky.

proportions. Twenty years ago the Engineering courses of study were non-existent, now the several courses in Engineering—Mechanical, Civil, Electrical and Mining number 249 students. You will readily see that under existing conditions development is restrained and growth next to impossible. We cannot conduct class room ~~work~~ exercises in tents nor establish laboratories under the open canopy of heaven.

If we cease to grow we must *relatively* fall to the rear. The State College of Kentucky is now well abreast of other Land Grant Colleges. Easily first South of the Ohio River and in many respects the equal of the best in the Northwest, although its income and Building accommodations are far behind those of the great States North and West of us. Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Iowa have provided buildings for their respective institutions at a cost far surpassing ours and supplied annual incomes from three to six-fold greater than that at our command. By adequate support our Engineering courses of study will supply a large percentage of the trained Engineers required in the South and our Scientific courses of study will supply a like proportion of Scientific *24 per cent* in the application of Science to the Industrial Arts. Now is a rare opportunity for Kentucky to take the lead in the South and West and to maintain it.

Stated briefly we require for the extension of our Engineering Buildings, for the construction of a Building for Mining Engineering and Physics and for a Normal School Building \$150,000.

Our accumulated deficit up until the 1st of July 1903 amounts to \$13,464.19. To liquidate this and to provide for the necessary additional equipment and means of instruction we need an annual addition to our income of \$15,000.

The income from the Land Grant of 1862 and the Morrill fund of 1890 amounting to \$34,900 all of which would be credited to the State College

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H. C. Frazier, Business Agent

Lexington, Ky.

in the States north of the Ohio River does not come in its entirety to us but is diminished by 14.5% which goes to the Colored Normal School. This cuts our income short \$5060.50 each year.

I respectfully request that on the basis of the statements herein made you will if consistent with your sense of duty bring the necessities of the State College of Kentucky before the General Assembly, with an appropriate recommendation to that body.

With much respect,

Your obt. servant,

James K. Patterson

C. M. Clay Jr.

State College of
Kentucky.
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., May 29th 1905-

Ben. F. Farber
Archie G. Campbell } Committee,
My Dear Brothers,

Your kind card of invitation received with
members of the I. O. O. F. in session on
June 6th is received.

Sincerely thank you but regret that
I shall not be able to avail myself
of the pleasure of attending the meeting.
Remember with affection the Chapter
and its members during the "Fifties",
with best wishes for yourselves and
the Chapter which you represent
I am

Yours sincerely
James K. Patterson

December 22nd, 1905.

Hon. Desha Breckinridge,

Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Sir,

A marked copy of the Herald as well as your letter calling my attention thereto have both reached me in due course of mail. The Board of Trustees of the A. & M. College, at its regular meeting last June, did me the unsolicited honor of electing me to the place on the Board made vacant by the resignation of Hon. W. R. Ramsey. My first meeting with the Board and my first personal meeting with President Patterson occurred on the 12th inst., at the regular semiannual meeting of the Board, and both afforded me pleasure.

I valued your father among friends and regret that you should feel that the statement by President Patterson with reference to fee paid to him and Judge Simrall, in a State College matter, ~~is~~ is a reflection upon your father. I do not so regard it.

As to the fee ^{to} appropriated to Messrs. Davis and McQuown & Brown I wish to say that I was called away to Louisville and was not present when the Board considered same, but I have no desire to shirk the responsibility attaching to the Board of which I am a member and I heartily endorse its action in that regard. As a commercial collection, based upon a per centage, the fee was too high, but, settling, as it does, a constitutional question, involving the future welfare of the State College, of which all Kentuckians and especially the people of Lexington should be proud, coupled with the fact that its reasonableness was approved by such

Dear President. Mr. Breckinridge made me for an opinion. I have with him your carbon copy of my reply. Whichever, it looks like with the normal college fight & it is smaller in will have a hard time getting any thing through the legislature this time.

Man Carpenter

Princeton Ky.

D.B.2.

men as Judge Prior, Gen. Lindsay, Judge Hazlerigg, Major Sanders, Mr. Edelen and others of known repute, I have no hesitancy in approving same.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain

Truly your friend,

State College of Kentucky.

James K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.

Lexington, Ky. May 22 1906



Mr. Henry B. Darling

My Dear Sir,

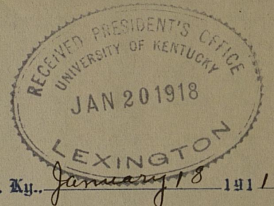
When I placed you in arrest this afternoon you behaved yourself with so much propriety - that I have concluded to release you from the penalty. I hope that you will be more thoughtful in the future and set an example of obedience to regulations.

Yours truly

James K. Patterson

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James K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D.
President Emeritus, State University
Lexington, Kentucky



Lexington, Ky., January 18 1919

President Frank L. McVey,
University of Kentucky.

My dear Dr. McVey-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, informing me of the action of the Executive Committee with reference to the walnut letter file. I thank you and through you the members of the Executive Committee for offering me the use of the Cabinet, without expense, as long as I care to use it.

However, I beg to say in reply that I have a repugnance to the gratuitous use of any thing which does not belong

absolutely to me. If you will set
a fair price on it, I will
gladly pay for it.

I feel sure that you will
understand my ~~attitude~~ attitude in this
matter.

Again thanking you,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

James K. Petterson.
W.H.P.

1902-03
My Dear Mr. Ramsay

I beg to call your attention to the report of Prof. Roark.

It is an adroit but disingenuous paper.

It would be difficult to say whether it embodies more of the suppressio veri or the suggestio falsi.

(a). It is not true that the Board made provision for a Normal School in the summer of 1902-03, because of a request addressed to them from the Kentucky Educational Association of the preceding year.

It was done on my initiative and on that only.

I brought the action of the association to their attention.

It is not true that the Summer School was a success.

It was so far as attendance was concerned a failure. Prof. Roark anticipated an attendance of at least 200. He reports 54.

(b.) If an earnest desire for the establishment of a bureau of information was ever entertained by Prof. Roark he kept it to himself.

I repeatedly suggested it to him and urged it upon him. I expressed my willingness to cooperate with him in its establishment, and while he acknowledged its advantages he did nothing.

(c.) No discrimination has ever existed against the Normal School.

The Faculty were not asked by the Board of Trustees to remove any discrimination. They were asked to define the credits which should be allowed to students who have completed the courses of study which prepare them to teach but who instead of teaching desire to enter the Freshman class in order to pursue a Collegiate course of study.

This, I think will be within the recollection of every member of the Board who heard Prof. Roark in June last. It will also be within the recollection of the Board how conspicuously he failed to substantiate the charge of "discrimination."

"Discrimination" however, seems to have taken complete possession of his mind. When before the Committee on Appropriations which sat in Frankfort February 16th, he urged the charges of "discrimination"

"neglect", and "indifference" and when the Investigating Committee sat in Lexington he reiterated the same statements, adding that

"ignored" was a mild expression.

He alleges in his report that the passage of the bills for buildings and revenue was largely due to the influence of himself and his friends.

On the contrary the bill for building was emasculated and the bill for revenue seriously jeopardized by himself and his friends. On the third reading of the bill for revenue in the House, one of his friends moved to set apart \$7,500 out of the \$15,000 for the Normal School, and when urged to request the mover to withdraw the motion he did nothing.

He acquiesced in a disclaimer made by J. W. Newman because he could not avoid it.

His attitude was mischievous and disorganizing from beginning to end.

With much respect

Yours sincerely

James K. Patterson

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Edwin Livingston Herald

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask the courtesy of the publication of the following
card viz:

Quite a lively tilt between President Henry S. Barker of State University, and former President James K. Patterson took place before the Senate Rules Committee, when the former sought to have the committee call up for consideration the Wilson House measure, No. 542, intended to enlarge the attendance at the university. The committee refused to order the bill up. The former head of the university opposed the bill and made a vigorous speech against a change in the present plan of admitting students. In his response, President Barker discussed alleged obstacles that had been thrown in his path by his predecessor as president of the university, and denied the truth of statements made by Dr. Patterson. Dr. Patterson did not respond and the incident was closed.

The clipping which appears above from your ~~to-day's~~ Correspondence of the 12th inst tells part of the story but not all.

Judge Barker advocated the adoption of H. B. 542 which he had written. I argued for the retention of the old system of selection of appointees by competitive examination and dwelt on the admirable results obtained by the University. I argued further that Bill 542 was too indefinite and too elastic, that it might mean anything or nothing that under a transparent fiction students instead of receiving travelling expenses from the University would each as a matter of fact pay them themselves. I argued for quality for the maintenance of a high standard of admission and

graduates, and that when these were assembled numbers would follow. I said further that the institution should give itself for real university work, post graduate, investigation, research; and give a lead to higher education not only in Kentucky but in the South. A real university and not simply a big overgrown High School is what Kentucky needs today.

In his rejoinder Judge Barker grew angry, vehemently and offensively personal. If the speaker had been a woman I should say hysterical. When called to order by the chairman he collapsed. I made no reply. Why should I? My case was won. To have gone further would have carried me beyond the goal.

Very respectfully yours
James K. Patterson

(Copy)

State University,

Jas. K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.

Lexington, Ky., December 29, 1908.

Editor, Courier-Journal,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

The attention of the public is again called to the disappearance of Mr. Willis E. Smith, on September 22nd. This lamentable occurrence has occasioned the authorities of the State University great annoyance and great pain. It has afforded an opportunity to those who are hostile to the institution to disparage its government, its discipline and its management. The sinister reports which have gone forth all over the country have been a source of great distress to those who are interested in its up-building and development. As a matter of fact, no responsibility whatever attaches to the University authorities for the disappearance of Mr. Smith.

On the night of the 22nd of September, he left his boarding house on the Versailles turnpike, about one mile beyond the city limits, without indicating to anyone where he was going or when he intended to return. His brother, who was boarding at the same house, supposed that he had gone to the University grounds. His failure to return naturally caused some disquietude and on the evening of the following day, his brother informed me of his disappearance. All the machinery which the University could set in motion to ascertain his whereabouts, was brought into requisition without avail. The fact of his disappearance was reported to the Chief of Police and to the Mayor, who immediately set to work to endeavor to obtain some clue that would enable them to trace him. Rewards were offered, amounting in the aggregate to \$250. for any

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information that would lead to his discovery.

An abundant crop of rumors immediately sprang up, but these were in turn shown to rest upon no foundation. One of these, and the most atrocious, was that he had been placed, bound hand and foot, in a box-car and sent away. This, however, was completely disproved by the railway officials of the Cincinnati Southern Road. Another, resting upon an anonymous communication received from a person who signed herself "A Lone Woman", stated that she had seen sometime on the night of the 22nd, some young men in an altercation with a man who refused to do what they insisted upon his doing, that in the attempt to run away from them, he was struck by a stone and fell to the ground lifeless. This letter was placed in the hands of the police and subsequently in the hands of the Grand Jury, neither of whom attached any importance to it. It afforded no clue whatever for tracing the missing boy. There was nothing in the anonymous letter to indicate in what part of the town the alleged homicide took place. The popular imagination immediately, however, connected the statement made with a ditch dug on Winslow Street north of the University grounds, in which sewer pipes were laid, and the theory gained ground that the homicide had taken place in the immediate vicinity of the ditch and that his body was unceremoniously thrown into it and covered up. This, however, was entirely disproved by the statement of the watchman who went on duty at five o'clock at night and came off at seven o'clock in the morning, who stated unequivocally that he was in the vicinity of the uncovered portion of the ditch during the entire night and that

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by no possibility could any body have been deposited and covered up in the ditch without his knowledge. This rumor, however, is again revived, upon the alleged statement of an anonymous grand juror that the impression was made upon him while a member of the Grand Jury, and investigating the case, that Smith's body had thus been disposed of. Still later a woman living some miles in the country dreamed that she saw Smith killed, and that she would be able to identify the house and the ground where the homicide took place. She stated that she subsequently saw the body in her dream thrown into a pond and asserted that she would be able to identify the topography of the ground and the pond into which he was thrown. Ernest Smith, the brother of the missing lad, took the woman in a vehicle to a number of ponds in the vicinity of Lexington, in order to afford an opportunity to the woman to make the identification. On the College Farm, she saw ground which she connected with the transaction and a pond in the immediate vicinity. She was then taken to one or two other places and identified them with equal certainty. The pond was dragged, but no remains of the missing lad were found. Upon baseless rumors and dreams and anonymous letters, an effort is now being made to revive the sensationalism of two months ago. The University authorities are quite satisfied that Smith of his own volition has gone away and that sooner or later he will turn up all right.

Ten years ago a young man from Gallatin County, a student in the College, disappeared. His uncle and aunt, with whom he boarded, reported the fact to me and every effort was made to

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trace him, but in vain. After the lapse of two years, however, he returned and in the mean time had been all around the world. Another case occurred about the same time, the son of one of our professors suddenly disappeared. Tracers were sent out all over the country and detectives employed. It was advertised in the newspapers but without result, until at the expiration of five months he returned. Hundreds of cases of this sort occur annually and it is no unreasonable supposition to believe that Smith is one of those who was seized with a sudden desire for wandering and that in due time he will reappear. Meanwhile

Meanwhile, all those who are interested in the welfare of the institution must deprecate the sensational stories that find currency in the newspaper press. Of course I do not mean to imply that newspaper reporters who are on the lookout for news, transmit to their employers intelligence which they know to be without foundation. They simply gather up and transmit whatever comes to hand and is likely to interest their readers. Nor do I mean to imply that newspapers who publish reports of this sort are hostile to the institution. They publish these reports as matter of current rumor, with the expectation that the public will receive them for what they are worth. And yet it can be readily seen that those who are not friendly to the University can readily turn to malevolent account intelligence of this sort, however baseless.

Very truly yours,

President, State University,
of Kentucky.

James H. Patterson
President Emeritus
State University

John B. Gorham, Esq.
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Friend -

I was very much touched yesterday at the evidence of your interest and care for me. The soup was delicious and I have enjoyed it. The supply is so generous that it will suffice for several days.

I should be very glad to see you some day, when you have a little leisure. I have pleasant recollections of our interviews particularly the last one. I am sure that you must be very lonely without the companionship of her in whom you lived so large a part of your life.

The stately ships go on

To their haven under the hill

But oh! for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still.

James K. Patterson
President Emeritus
State University

But we have in the great Book
of the ages our one consolation that
we shall be re united to those who
have gone before, shall spend an
eternity of blessedness in the light
that proceedeth from the Countenance
of God the Father, with whom there
is no variableness neither shadow
of turning.

With best wishes for you and
with thanks for the delicacy,

Sincerely,

Your friend,

James K. Patterson

January 20, 1920.

If not called for within 10 days return to
Hus. R. Patterson, Ph. D. LL. D., President Emeritus,
State University,
Lexington, Kentucky



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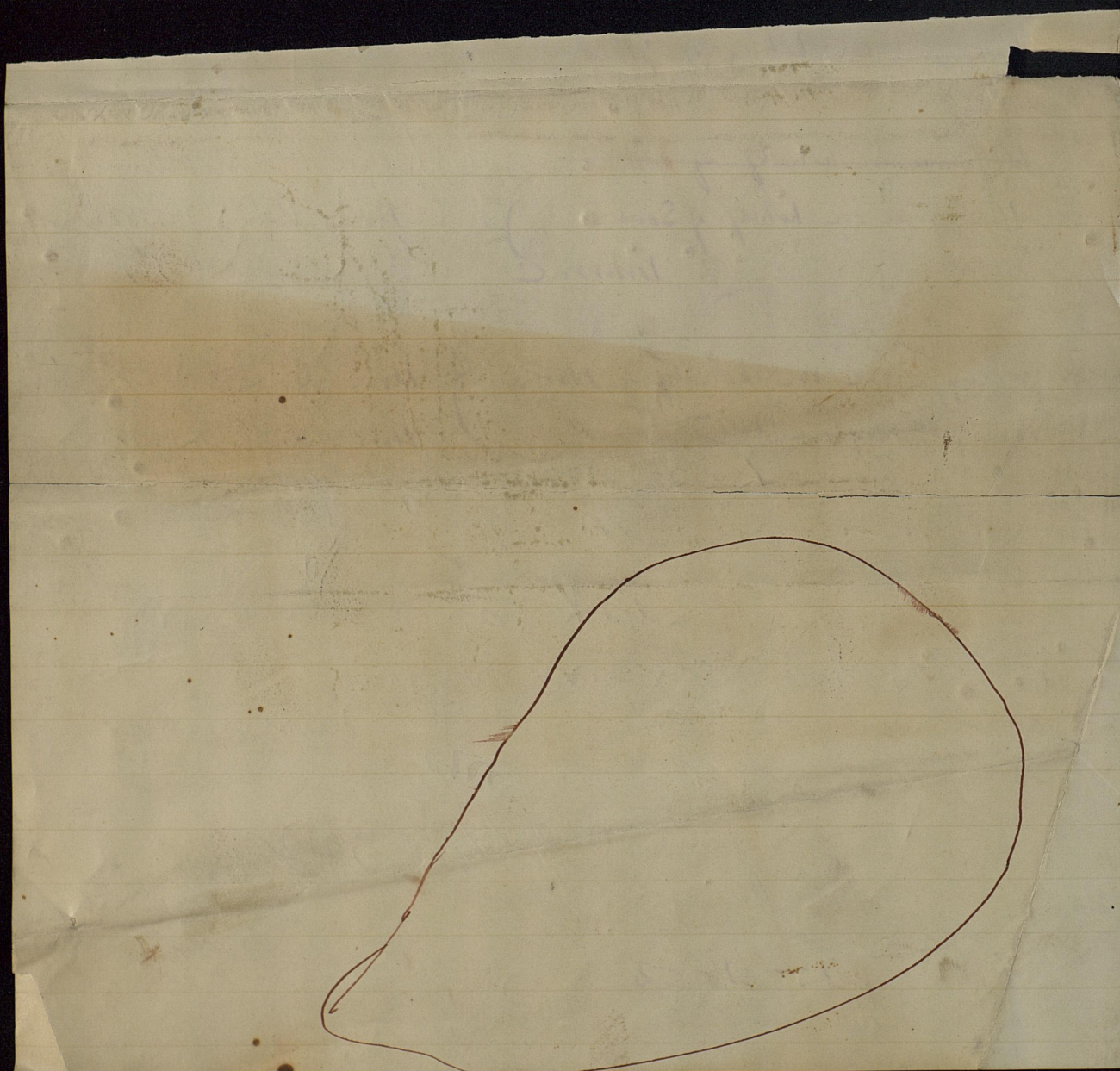
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1957

Miss Mary Katherine Jasper
335 High Street
Richmond, Kentucky

Dear Miss Jasper:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky, we should like to express our thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in sending us the copy of the letter from President Patterson to your father. *H.C. Japer*
We are always delighted to have documents such as this and are sending the letter to Dr. Lawrence Thompson, Director of the University Libraries, so that it may be properly preserved.

Thank you again for thinking of the University and for sending us this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank G. Dickey
Frank G. Dickey
President

Copy to Dr. Thompson

State College of Kentucky,

James K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.

Lexington, Ky. May 22 1908



Mr. Henry B. Darling

My Dear Sir,

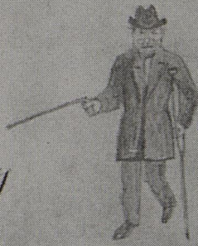
When I placed you in arrest this afternoon you behaved yourself with so much propriety - that I have concluded to release you from the penalty. I hope that you will be more thoughtful in the future and set an example of obedience to regulations.

Yours truly

James K. Patterson

State College of Kentucky.

James K. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.



Lexington, Ky. May 22 1908

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James K. Patterson

Lexington, Ky., January 28 1888

To Whom it May Concern
The Bearer was a student of this
College for two years in good and
honorable standing. His studies were
in English, Elementary Mathematics
and other subjects preparatory to
a general education. His class
standing was good and his
moral character excellent. I
consider Mr H. C. Gasper the
bearer as an excellent young
man and hope for him an
honorable career in the
pursuit of medicine

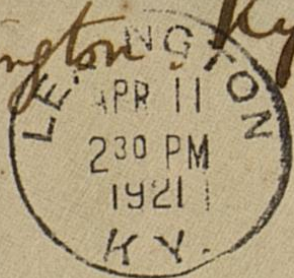
James K. Patterson
President

April 4. 1921.

My dear Friend -

The broth which you sent me
is the best I have tasted for
a long time. I wish, however
that you had brought it instead
of sending it. I want to see
you. I remember our visit

Jas. H. Patterson
Lexington Ky



John Gorham, Esq.
W. Third Street
Lexington, Ky.

To French Lick when you were
there with your wife - I know
how lonely you must be
without her companionship.

Please do come to see me.

Sincerely yours.

John Gorham, Esq. James K. Patterson
M.M.

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LEXINGTON, KY.

State College of Kentucky,

Jas. H. Patterson, Ph. D., LL. D., President.

Lexington, Ky., July 21st, 1906.

Mr. George G. Rockwood,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. this morning. I thank you for the invitation to sit for a photograph when next I visit New York. Some months will probably elapse before I have that opportunity. It is quite possible that business will call me there early in December, at which time I shall be glad to avail myself of your kind invitation. Do you wish me to fill up the postal which you enclose, as far as can now be done, leaving out the dates and transmit it to you, or to wait until my arrival in New York? I enclose postage stamp for a reply.

Yours truly,

Dictated.

James H. Patterson
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My Dear Sir:

I think it would be as well to wait your arrival in New York or else a day or so before you leave home, drop me a line or send enclosed Postal - I thank you for your prompt response - Our Library collection promises to be very important

Very Cordially Yours
Geo. G. Rockwood

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Lexington State Guards.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours Obedt. Servant
Geo R Patterson

State College of
Kentucky.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., February 2 1883

To His Excellency
L.P. Blackburn
Governor of Kentucky

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to report that
St. Raphael of Pleasantville, J. L. Jackson of Rockport
J.B. Hobson of Paducah and
W. W. Coggeshall of Webster Co. both
minors have without the knowledge or
consent of the Faculty of the College and
while students of this College been
received and enrolled as members
of the Lexington Guards.

The Faculty of the College think that
no student of the College whose
residence is outside the limits of

Haystack County should become a
member of any military organization
except the Cadet Corps of the
College. While a student of this
Institution, inasmuch as it subjects
him to obligations and duties
inconsistent with the objects which
parents have in view in sending
their sons hither.

If these views commend themselves
to your Excellency, I have the honor
to request that if consistent with
your sense of public duty you
will order the discharge of said
cadets Hobson and Coffman
from membership in the