Privy

Chapel Hill
Friday, Oct. 10, 1836

My dear Sir,

G. Dawin has intimated in one of his late letters to you that my relations to W. Harriss are of a friendly kind. I might therefore be excused from noticing his criticisms, as far as they comprehend me. But that it may appear that I am really one of those arraigned, although I was always voting a non cognizanse on W. Harriss in concern, I add this, my adhesion to the acts of the majority, large or small as they may be. This imputation of law discipline is to say the least a very cheap criticism, one readily listened to, and among the thoughtless, likely to gain one credit. Whether it is deserved here as one can tell from the inspection of our records which generally give the result without the reason for them. If our pupils are surrounded with all these and holy influences here than they are in the majority of the colleges.