Chapel Hill Sept 5, 1811

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your obliging letter upon the subject of our troubles here. The Faculty have endeavoured to do their best of their judgement to adapt their measures to the necessities of the terms. Reconciliation and amnesties have been so often tried, and boards of visitors have been so often called, that we were resolved if possible to make an experiment upon some plan which might prove more efficient. If this shall not succeed, we know that others have failed, and the difficulties with which we have to contend will only be more fully exhibited.