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My dear Sir,

I doubt not the papers have made you acquainted with our proceedings at Chapel Hill. They have been such as well merit a lively concern throughout the state. The University seems destined to experience many trials. The decision of the Senate, however, at this time portends its ruin. Every friend to science must lament the injudicious conduct of the Senate in enjoining to codify a law. If the institution be permitted, and I sincerely hope it may not, it is to be applied alone to the purer influence of that law. It was very objectionable in theory, but much more so in practice. It banished all harmony. The consequence of every return of the Monitor was a contention between the students and the preachers, and the students. The Monitor, frequently heard the return of Monitor. Frequently heard he was acting upon oath. What young man of feeling would be willing to place himself in such a situation as this? Who would suffer himself publicly to be called a prejudiced villain? And a