peace we will not look material to work upon.
If it be settled that in spite of compromising letters to Conscript officers the College stands its ground, it may be considered how far the introduction of military instruction will soften its look.
To the suggestion that the curriculum be recognized as a military institution, (even if the Charter were not in the way of which I know nothing) I say no, no, no. But I feel so certain that no serious desire exists for such a radical change that I will not combat it with arguments.
It seems to me probable from what I have seen, that heretofore it might be found a might supply a felt want in the country to attack one or more Military Professions, the studies in that department to be elective, as in the case of Kinney’s Special Chemistry. This will depend somewhat on the establishment or non-establishment of a National Military school in the South, such as West Point, and on our ability to pay the additional Professors. For the present nothing of this sort is feasible, and all that can be done of it be thought necessary to do anything military at all, is to give some sort of incidental instruction in the drill x in the general principles of the Military Art. If this will satisfy any classe, it will suit any new students, or both on to any old ones, I see no reason why it is not feasible and prudent. Whether it is thus made desirable, I confess I cannot even give an intelligent opinion. For who are on the ground are in it.