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Dickinson College Feb 4th 1856

Dear Munroe

Most gladly do I reciprocate your welcome epistle, and would have been very happy had I had the opportunity of doing it before, but never mind the past. It is now a very fit time to answer your letter, as you wished me to keep you posted in college affairs. I will give you a little description of the way in which matters and things are conducted in Old Dickinson. <u>Our Class forever!</u> Great excitement in Old Dickinson!! Students in direct rebellion, one hundred on the point of leaving for their homes!! &c. Such is the present

state of affairs in this, your honored and beloved Institution. I don't suppose the walls of East College ever saw such a rebellion, at least so it is said by many but now as I have your curiosity sufficiently aroused perhaps you would like to know the cause of all this. Well, now, just go up in your room and sit down like a good boy and I will tell you all. Supposing you have taken my advice & are now safely seated in your room I will commence by saying, Proff Tiffany's blackboard, on a certain night about a week ago was thought by some person or persons to stand greatly in need of a coat of tar (it being a very cold night) and accordingly it was put on. And as our class had a very hard rec-

itation that morning, they had the presumption to accuse us of doing it. Accordingly four members from Our Class (J. M. C Hulsey, J. Maglaughlin, C. Hepburn, & H. Lane) after much peeping and prying by the Faculty were openly accused of "tarring the board" and without any substantial evidence they have been dismissed. Such is the case in a few words. They are, at least two of them, are innocent – H. and H. I know that the Freshman Class, The Junior & the Senior Classes as well as our class were very well represented, upon that very interesting occasion and yet from all the college, these four have been selected and with no more proof than attaches itself to any one of the others. We sent a Petition to the Faculty

respectfully asking them to reconsider the matter and reinstate them and they treated it with scorn. Now we have sent one in having ourselves pledged that "we will not attend any college duty, until they are reinstated to their former positions" and this is signed by all the F. Class excepting four or five, by all the Soph's excepting four, all the Juniors excepting 6 or 8, and all the Seniors excepting 3 or 4. The faculty are determined to maintain authority, and the students are bound to carry their point. Both are determined. Jimmy Marshall says before they retract every Hall shall be vacant, not a student remain. The students are all getting ready to leave for home each regarding his signature to that paper as good as his oath. Such is the affair, and the crisis has not even yet arrived, but I do not fear it

if they refuse to act honorably. I will willingly "take up my bed and walk" and if so you will see me in Pennington Male Seminary as soon as I can get there until next year when I will make a strike for Wesleyan University, but I do not apprehend any thing so serious. I think the faculty will reinstate them, if so we will go on in our accustomed manner "biting latin stems and digging Greek roots." I tell you Munroe we have a <u>bully class</u> numbering about fifty and they are all tip top fellows. <u>Study hard and care for nobody</u>. Here I have been running over all this nonsense and have not pretended to answer your letter but you will excuse me for my mind naturally rans on this

which is the current topic. I will refrain from <u>boring</u> you any more about it but just request you to keep <u>mum</u> on the subject and for particulars I refer you to the "Baltimore Sun," "Baltimore Clipper," or the "N.Y. Herald" (if all is true). I have not yet visited Porter's and I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of introduction, and modesty will certainly compel me to seal your flattering letter when I present it. As I should have said, <u>before</u> I present it. I have met Miss Sallie on the streets several times, and am very much pleased with the appearance of the lady. I take your advice in reference to those "fine looking young ladies whom we often see on the streets." I have already had several poin-

ted out to me, but as I do not intend making their acquaintance I have not been particular about remembering them and so cannot tell you the names of a single one, excepting one whom the fellows call the "Black Swan" or the "Campus Walker" – There are a great many fellows who visit P's so many that it is said Miss Fanny is engaged for church for the next three weeks and by different gentlemen. I was much amused by that affectionate letter from Clara Mortimer and anticipate much sport for you both, in reference to a <u>certain article</u>, (which in a letter is unmentionable). I would merely add, <u>it has appeared</u>. You understand what I mean. I am sorry I have none, but I was

disappointed. I am very much pleased with some things in college life while in these things, I am perfectly disgusted. I like the fellows very much, but I have already learned, as you kindly advised me, not to trust too much to outward seeming, although I believe that most of them are true and honorable, yet I know human nature is capable of such deceit and such dishonesty, that it is always best not to take a friend until he has proved himself one. Although I am, by my own nature more liable to trust one, than to suspect him, yet the knowledge of this will serve to keep my eyes open. You will please excuse the haste of this letter, but as I wish you to get the news from the seat of war, at the earliest date possible, knowing that you will not think I have slighted your letter in answering it so quickly but have done it from the press of time. Write soon, give my love to Leonard and also "tell me "lots" Slape