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Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa
July 27th 1874.

My dear Mr Fisher,

I just drop you this line to give a little friendly caution. Prof. Hayman relates very freely the substance of an alleged conversation of Prof. J. with you & written to him. I have no doubt it is much more freely related than written, & perhaps more freely written than related, but the point I wish to make is that for the present at least, whilst Fickett, is under the influence & in full alliance, as I am sorry he allowed to believe he is, it is the best possible course to say just as little upon any of the recent events as possible. It is not necessary for you to say anything to exculpate yourself; that will come in very good & very naturally if any charges are made against ^{you} you will stand all the better for having said nothing that may appear to be said in your own defense. I have begun quietly to contradict statements that I allowed to pass unnoticed at first, because I begin to feel that all parties are in a frame of mind properly & candidly to judge the matter; you can afford to wait some longer, & in meantime you may feel satisfied that I will allow nothing that affects you in the case go uncontradicted.

My confidence in your judgement & sense of propriety is so great that I wd not have dropped this line had I not feared that by reason of your known friendship to Fickett you had been singled out by his friends as the most direct & probable source of information, to be distributed to their own use. — The prospects of the College I think are good, have been much improved by the revolution & that it needs but to get in smooth running order to show that all has been for the best.

Dr. McLanley has reached Ireland in safety. They had a rather disagreeable but not rough voyage. Dr. was not at all sea sick, Miss Fannie but slightly. We are looking forward with pleasure to the opening of the term when every body will be about again.

Yours truly Charles F. Holmes

Fisher

1874

July 27 HIMES, CHARLES FRANCIS

To William Righter Fisher.

My dear Mr. Fisher,

I just drop you this line to give a little friendly caution. Prof. Stayman relates very freely the substance of an alleged conversation of Prof. T. with you & written to him. I have no doubt it is much more freely related than written, & perhaps more freely written than made, but the point I wish to make is that for the present at least, whilst Trickett, is under the influence & in full alliance, as I am sorry (to) be obliged to believe he is, it is the best possible course to say just as little upon any of the recent events as possible. It is not necessary for you to say anything to exculpate yourself; that will come in very good, & very naturally if any charges are made against you, & you will stand all the better for having said nothing that may appear to have been said in your own defense. I have begun quietly to contradict statements that I allowed to pass unnoticed at first, - because I begin to feel that all parties are in a frame of mind properly & candidly to judge the matter; you can afford to wait even longer, & in the meantime you may feel satisfied that I will allow nothing that affects you in the case (to) go uncontradicted.

My confidence in yr judgement and sense of propriety is so great that I wd not have dropped this line had I not feared that by reason of yr known friendliness to Trickett, you had been singled out by his friends as the most direct & probable source of information, to be distributed to their own uses. - The prospects of the college I think are good, have been much improved by the revolution & that it needs but to get in smooth running order to show that all has been for the best.

Dr M Cauley has reached Ireland in safety. They had a rather disagreeable but not rough voyage. Dr MC not at all sea sick, Miss Fannie but slightly. We are looking forward with pleasure to the opening of the term when every body will be about again.

Yours truly Charles F. Himes

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