



House of Representatives,

Frankfort, Ky. Mar 28 1884

Prof Jas K Patterson

Dear Professor
Yours of the 27th Inst at
hand and contents noted. I
concur with you in ~~your~~ the
Opinion that the promoters of said
bill require to be watched
I think the friends of the college
should be active and at
work to counteract any prejudice
created against the bill so that
we should be ready to meet
armed at every point and ready
for any emergency I have been
at work against the bill but
have not made a thorough
canvass of the house and can
not state what vote we can

depend on I think your suggestion
of a meeting of the Committee at
an early day to be a good one
it is not likely that the bill
will be reached very soon if it
comes up regularly, but it is
liable to be called up at any time
under a suspension of the rules

I think it would be well for
you to be present when the
Committee meets to confer with
us. Any Catalogues, statistics
or information in regard
to the College you may have
will be useful to me in presenting
the claims of the College to members

Yours Truly
C. C. Cram



STATE OF KENTUCKY,
House of Representatives

Frankfort, Feby. 7th, 1834.

My dear Sir -

Your favor of yesterday was received in due time and I deferred an answer until I could make some inquiries. I find Mr. Burman is against the tax and warmly urges its repeal, though I think there is no disposition of this kind with the members generally. The large majority whether for or against the tax incline to await the decision of the Court of Appeals.

The course which Lexington has taken in the late Senatorial canvass will be of serious detriment to the college and I think it dangerous to cause any agitation of the question until tempers have cooled. With an earnest wish for the success and prosperity of the institution I will watch the progress of the matter with care and keep you advised.

Remember me to Albert and believe me
Always Yours to Command

Charles Caldwell



STATE OF KENTUCKY.

House of Representatives.

Frankfort, Ky April 19 1886

President James K. Patterson:

Make
my appointment for next Friday
night 23^d and have as
large crowd as possible from
the City. I shall speak on
Agriculture and Mental Culture.
Please to have the papers to publish
the appointment. Respectfully yours
Levi H. Bobbitt



STATE OF KENTUCKY.

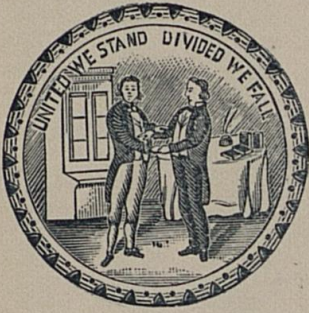
Senate Chamber.

Frankfort, Feb 10th 1886

Hon Jas K. Patterson
Pres. State College.
Lexington Ky

Dear Sir, You letter asking
me to address the Union
Literary Society of your
College recd, and should have
been answered before. I was
absent from the city when
recd, and had doubts whether
it would be possible for me to do
so. I have concluded "Do
what I can" to do so.

With thanks for your kind expressions
believe me very sincerely
Yours friend
A. J. Perry



STATE OF KENTUCKY.

House of Representatives.

Frankfort, Jan'y 4th 1885

Gen. K. Patterson, Pres't
A & M. College

Dr Sir:

I regret to have to report that after industrious effort, I have been unable to find any young man in my district, who seems willing, or able, to avail of the very kind & generous offer you extend me in your favor of 17th Feb'y. It is therefore only left me, to return to you & through you to the Faculty of the A & M. College, my sincere acknowledgements for their kind offer to accept a presentation, upon my certificate, & to express my sincere regret that the opportunity should be lost to our County through such unnecessary indifference.

Respectfully

Geo. A. Harris



STATE OF KENTUCKY.

House of Representatives.

Frankfort, April 27^d 1888

Prof Jas. K. Patterson

Dear Professor,
I regret I did not see you. I was asleep not being my usual tired condition to excuse me of persons called, but supposed she would have sense enough to make an exception when you were the visitor. Had I known it, I should certainly have seen you.

As to the matter of your telegram and note I am sure you need give yourself no uneasiness about it. Some such design might probably have been intended

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if both Johnston and I were caught absent at the same time. As it was nothing further was asked than an appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the committee. No special order at the time could be set with any opposition made to it and this would certainly be done. Any way any general bill could be thrown into the order of the day and that now is the end of it. So I think you may regard the matter as at rest.

I am

Yours
Geo. H. Mulligan



State of Kentucky.

House of Representatives.

Frankfort, January 28 1890.

Pres Patterson; My Dear Sir;

Yours of 26th is received. I have been trying to get Coopers bill refered to the committee on A & M College, but the committee on Education is rather stubborn about it, I have sounded Blackerby, chairman of Education, and I am satisfied that he is not friendly toward the College

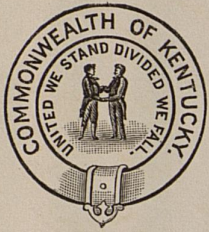
Smith of Madison I think exerts a good deal of influence over Blackerby.

There is an undercurrent here which I hope to be able to meet and stay off as much as possible. I had a talk with Warren this morning and he thought best not to offer the resolution for the committee to visit the College, thinking perhaps that your report would be sufficient information for all reasonable men. I will try and use all the discretion I can about it, and keep you fully advised.

Truly your friend

G W Starnan.

My wife is quite sick.



≡House of Representatives.≡

GEO. B. KINKEAD, —

Member from Lexington, Ky.

Frankfort, January 27th, 1890.

Prof. Jas. H. Patterson

My dear Professor:

You favor of the
27th inst. is at hand. You can
be assured that I shall be watchful,
and generous as far as I can, the
interest of the Colleg. Corps resolution
is in the hands of the Committee on
Education. Stackerby is chairman,
and his inclination are favorable.

The Speaker, at my instance, wishes
him in regard to returning the bill, as
that it might be referred to the
proper committee. Stackerby was opi-

wish you to do this, but assume the
Speaker privately that the Committee
had agreed to report accordingly.

Glady's suggestion to me yesterday
that he wanted to come to Lexington
my room, & visit the college; I promised
to try and make it pleasant for him.

I think he is a fellow of shrewd
parts, & exerts influence through
Hattin, & has a very high estimate of
himself. I am very sorry that you
have the influence, & hope you will
be well soon. The Public Printer
will forward you manuscript.

Truly Yours Friend

Chas. C. Christian

House of Representatives.



M. KAUFMAN,
MEMBER FROM
CITY OF LEXINGTON.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb 25 1896

Prof Jack Patterson

Dear Sir:

Since writing to
you this morning I find that
we have a session on Thursday
afternoon. We have therefore arranged
for our meeting for Friday afternoon
3 o'clock. I have notified Mr
Guthright to this effect.

Yrs truly
M Kaufman

House of Representatives.



M. KAUFMAN,
MEMBER FROM
CITY OF LEXINGTON.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb 25 1896

Hon J. K. Patterson Secy Ky

Dear Sir:

Mr Gathright wrote to me
this morning asking for a joint
meeting of the A & M College Committee

I have arranged such a meeting
for next Thursday Feb 27 - 3 P.M. and
have written to him to that effect.

I thought perhaps you would
like to be present, and therefore
advise you of it -

In the other matter the Committee
has not reported. Will likely do so
tomorrow -

Yrs truly
M Kaufman

House of Representatives.



G. P. THOMAS,
MEMBER FROM
Trigg County.

FRANKFORT, Feb 25th, 1896.

Prof. James K. Patterson,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your favor in regard to some statements made by Senator Bronston received. I will try to get the committee of each house to visit the institution. I will go myself at the first opportunity but as the legislature has refused to pay the expense of committee visiting its charitable institutions, I am satisfied that it will not pay the expense of this visit. On this account I fear that the full committee will not be able to visit the college.

Very Truly Yours,
G. P. Thomas,

House of Representatives.

G. P. THOMAS,
MEMBER FROM
Trigg County.



FRANKFORT,

Mar. 7th, 1896.

President James K. Patterson
Lexington, Ky.
Dear Sir:

Your letter received
and after consulting with the rest
of the committee we decided to
accept the date you named and
go at the time you indicated viz:
4-35 Monday afternoon. There will
be eight of us if nothing prevents
and you can make arrangements
for that many.

Very Truly Yours
G. P. Thomas

House of Representatives.



G. P. THOMAS,
MEMBER FROM
Trigg County.

FRANKFORT, Mar. 3rd, 1896.

President James K. Patterson
Lexington, Ky.
Dear Sir:

After you left yesterday, we appointed a subcommittee to visit your institution. This visiting committee will consist of about eight members. I write to ask you when you would like for us to come. We will try to arrange the visit to suit your convenience.

Very Truly Yours
G. P. Thomas

House of Representatives.



CLAUDE B. TERRELL,
Attorney at Law.

MEMBER FROM
OLDHAM AND TRIMBLE.
SESSION 1900.

Committees:
Kentucky Statutes (Chairman);
Rules;
Judiciary;
Insurance;
Public Offices.

Frankfort, }
Bedford, } Ky., Feb'y. 20th. 1901., 1901.

Proff. James K. Patterson,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Proff:—My Bro. R. C. Terrell came home to day he tells me that he was sent home by orders of the College Physician because that he and one or two of the boys had had a chance for the scarlet fever, and that you would not permit him to take another boarding house and continue at school. But that it was the opinion of the Physician that he should come home. I wish that you would make carefull inquiry about the extent of the exposure that he has had and the likelihood of his taking the fever, and write me at once as I am boarding myself ~~at~~ and it would injure me very much to have him bring scarlet fever here. And the boy hsa no home to go to, and I have none to take him to, so it is board some place and he might as well have stayed in Lexington as come down here. Of corse if he gets sick I would prefer his being here ~~at~~ rather than in Lexington. I wish that you would take the time and trouble to make careful inquiry at once for me and write me at as early a date as possible. And if there is no danger when can he return to school?. I anxiously await your early reply.

Yours truly.

Claude B. Terrell



CLAUDE B. TERRELL,

REPRESENTATIVE 52ND DISTRICT.

Bedford

Ky.

Feb 27 1891

Proff. Geo. H. Patterson Esq.
Lexington Ky.

Dear Proff. Your favor in answer to my inquiring come promptly to hand. I wish to thank you for your kindness.

I wish to say that I guess, that I misunderstood my brother about what you would and would not permit him to do. He told me that you put him in charge of the college physician & that he should do whatever the physician should advise, and that is alright.

Robert is as well as he ever was other than has been sick any since he came home. when shall I return him? Would you advise him to go back to the same home that he was boarding when he left? I can send him back Saturday 20 or is he ready to go into school Monday. write me please of answer, & oblige
your most obedient,

Claude B. Terrell

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HOME OFFICE:

pick ~~Clinton~~, Ky.

COUNTY OF
MEADE.



W. A. STITH, Representative.

30TH DISTRICT.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug 28 1901.

To The President of the State
Agricultural College,
Lexington Ky.

My Dear Sir, - If I mistake not each
county or Legislative district in the
state is entitled to a scholarship to the
above named college. Since there
there has been a Law department
established to it, would you grant
a scholarship to that a loan in
lieu of the regular scholarship?
If you will grant it I will
see the County Judge to that
effect. You must bear in mind
what are due in the way of an appropri-
ation for your college at the next
meeting of the Legislature, and what
we are likely to do again if justly demanded.
Please let me hear from you at
once.
Respt W. A. Stith.

State University,

Jas. K. Patterson, Ph. D., M. A., President,

Lexington, Ky.,

Trustees whose Term of Office expires January 1910.

Basil M. Brooks, Democrat, Slaughtersville, Webster County
T. L. Edelen, Republican, Frankfort, Franklin County
Hon. Frank A. Hopkins, Democrat, Prestonsburg, Floyd "
Charles B. Nichols, Democrat, Lexington, Fayette County
Judge Robert L. Stout, Democrat, Versailles, Woodford County.

Trustees whose Term of Office expires January 1912.

Judge Henry S. Barker, Democrat, Louisville, Jefferson County
Hon. Tibbis Carpenter, Democrat, Scottsville, Allen County
Hon. William H. Cox, Republican, Maysville, Mason County
Denny P. Smith, Democrat, Cadiz, Trigg County
Hon. Claude B. Terrell, Democrat, Bedford, Trimble County

Trustees whose Term of Office expires January 1914.

Hon. Cassius M. Clay, Democrat, Paris, Bourbon County
Hywel Davies, Esq., Republican, Kensee, Whitley County
Richard C. Stoll, Esq., Republican, Lexington, Fayette County
Lewis L. Walker, Esq., Republican, Lancaster, Garrard County
Richard N. Wathen, Esq., (Political affiliation unknown)
Lebanon, Marion County.

His Excellency, Augustus E. Willson, Republican,
Trustee ex-officio.

James K. Patterson, Democrat, Member ex-officio,

John G. Crabbe, Republican, Member ex-officio.

Total Democrats,	10
Total Republicans,	7
Unknown	11

I have the impression that Mr. Wathen is a Republican, but this is only an impression.

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uous service in building up the State University, increasing its income from \$10,000 per annum to \$145,000 and its buildings, grounds and equipments from absolutely nothing to \$930,000, the General Assembly adopts the recommendation of the Joint Committee, I shall be much surprised. It is not characteristic of the people of Kentucky to be oblivious or unmindful of public service. I did not ask the Board for the annuity. It was voluntarily offered by them and gratefully accepted by me. But I may say I felt that it was not undeserved. I could not support Judge Barker in his candidacy to succeed me because I wanted an educated man of University training and University experience as my successor. The result of my attitude to him was a breach which has grown wider and wider. Hence his request that the Committee recommend the discontinuance of the annuity which he asked the board to give me. Hence his determination to reverse himself and to exact, if possible, the pound of flesh as a penalty for my opposition to his election. This is not the magnanimity which one would expect from the head of a University.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES K. PATTERSON.

[1912?]

To the Members of the General Assembly
of the Commonwealth of
Kentucky

GENTLEMEN:—

The question of the violation of the law of appointment of beneficiaries to the State University was submitted to the Attorney General by Hon. Barksdale Hamlett, Supt. of Public Instruction. The Attorney General in an elaborate opinion decides that the county is the unit of appointment and not the State, as contended by the administration of the State University, at whose instance and under whose instruction, the law was disregarded and ignored by the County Superintendents. Judge H. S. Barker then addressed the Attorney General, requesting his attention to the doctrine of "Contemporaneous Construction." The Attorney General in a letter to Hon. Barksdale Hamlett, says: "Judge Henry S. Barker, President of the State University, has called my attention to the fact that I did not touch upon the doctrine of 'Contemporaneous Construction,' as applied to the statute in question, and he informed me that the construction now given to the statute is the same construction that has been given to it by those in charge of the University for several years, and for that reason he holds that the construction given it by the present authorities is the proper construction."

The Attorney General, after discussing "Contemporaneous Construction," says: "To my mind the statute is clear. I think the opinion given you under date of February 5, is the proper construction of the statute in question."

On the statement of Judge Barker, I wish to make the following observations:

During the period from 1893 when the law became operative until my retirement in 1910, there was a uniform simple and unambiguous construction of a statute which is quite incapable in ordinary hands of distortion or perversion. The statute requires a competitive examination, on questions prepared by the Faculty of the University—the examination is to be held between the first day of June and the first day of August, the time and place of examination is to be made known to the citizens of the county by the County Superintendent. The age limit is 14-24. All graduates of the common schools are eligible. The successful competitor is exempt from the payment of all fees, receives lodging, fuel and lights in the dormitories free of charge, and traveling expenses once coming from home to the University and once returning each year.

In all this there is nothing ambiguous, nothing susceptible of an alternative construction or interpretation. It requires neither the acumen nor the training of a jurist to understand it. During the period above named I neither countenanced or suggested or advised the slightest departure from the plain letter of the law. I had the statute printed upon every blank appointment sent to the County Superintendents in order that each time he filled the blank by an appointment he might have the law before him. "Contemporaneous Construction," in the sense suggested by Judge Barker there was none. A simple, ingenuous, common-sense construction was all that was possible. The plain letter of this statute was before the County Superintendents. I never found one who said he was in doubt as to its meaning. My duty uniformly exercised was to see that it was complied with in all its details.

The certificates of appointment which should be on file in the office of the Secretary of the University are conclusive evidence on this head. No County Superintendent or county appointee will testify otherwise than that I required full and complete compliance with all the requirements of the law in order to validate appointments.

"Contemporaneous Construction" is an after thought, a myth, and in view of all the facts, rather a clumsy one. "Inventions return to plague the Inven-

tors." The hundreds of illegal appointments made under the instruction and at the instance of the administration of the State University will involve a loss this year of about twenty thousand dollars, quality and preparation are sacrificed to the mania for numbers, the prestige and dignity of the University are lowered and its good name compromised. The "County and not the State is the unit," and those appointments and those only which have been made in strict compliance with the requirements of the Statute are legal and valid.

The opinion of the Attorney General is decisive until reversed by the Court of Appeals. "The county and not the State is the Unit." "Contemporaneous Construction" is a figment, and none know this better than those who use it.

The Commonwealth has a right to expect that in the State University the majesty of the law should be respected and its observance inculcated. That its administrative head should not lead the way in the violation of a statute fundamental to its prosperity and its efficiency, a statute which provides for the continuous supply of the best students, which places the University in every county in the Commonwealth by affording equal opportunities to all, exclusive privileges to none.

The committee has been misled in regard to the indebtedness. If the reports of the Comptroller can be relied upon, more than \$60,000 of the debt has been contracted within two years.

The management of the University has been overlooked by the joint investigation committee, efficiency of instructors ignored, abuses, perquisites, cumulative salaries passed by, graft in unwarranted commutations disregarded. The report grazed the surface, but did not get into the inside of things.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Investigation that the Board of Trustees rescind the retiring allowance which they contracted to pay me on my resignation, I have but little to say. Whether one party to the contract can abrogate its provisions without the consent of the other would be within the competency of the Courts to determine. If after more than forty years of contin-