

KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY,

REGENT'S
OFFICE.

ASHLAND, near LEXINGTON, KY. July 3rd 1871.

Dear Bro Withers,

At your earnest request, our
Congregation were induced, on yesterday, to
postpone the permanent Election of permanent
Officers for one week, in order that you
might have the desired time to try
and induce the first Church to rescind
their resolutions which we deem so unkind
and unjust to us.

I do sincerely pray that you and Brethren
Goodloe and Woolfolk, will be able
to accomplish all you hope for in
this matter.

Your friend & Brother Truly,
J. B. Morrison.

Mr Bowman Bell

Letter Mr. Bowman
from W. T. Dittus

"Copy of letter"

Friday morning
Lexington Ky Sept 27 1841-

Dear Bro: Bowman

My warm personal
friendship for you and Bro Pickett prompts me
to approach you once more, and tender my
services to aid you & him in adjusting the
unfortunate difference with the Church.
If you think I can be of any service
I hope you and Bro Pickett will not
hesitate to call on me at once, and talk
over the matter.

You have strong personal friends
both in the Eldership and in the Church
and while almost without exception
they think you are wrong, and are not
willing to sustain you in your course,
yet they earnestly desire to open
the way wide for you and your friends
to return. - Give us the assurance that
you will in any reasonable time return
to the seats you have vacated in the Church
and we can and will aid you to the full

extent of our ability and make the way
as smooth as the law of Christ will
permit. - But without some assurance
that you really wish to resign the
matter and resume your ^{vacant seats,} ~~place~~
the end is near at hand. -

The Church and the University
both need your service, and your ex-
clusion will leave a gap not easy to be
filled. - In view of the momentous
consequences that I clearly foresee
must follow your exclusion, I
beg of you as your old College mate
and personal friend to pause to day
and carefully review the whole case. - If
you could consider the matter from
my stand point, without passion &
without prejudice, I feel sure that
it could all be adjusted in 24
hours. -

My attention was called by my
wife this morning to an article from
Bro Franklin in the last Review
which is a fair index of the feelings

of our brethren, so far as I know, ~~both~~
North & South - You regarded Bro Franklin
as favoring your movement, and Bro
Munnell. - You are my dear brother
sadly mistaken - You will find yourself
almost universally condemned by our
entire brotherhood. - This I ascertained
to my entire satisfaction at our State
meeting and before I sailed -

Whenever the Church withdraws from
you, rest assured that your career
of usefulness as a Co-worker with
the Church in her great educational
Enterprise is at an end forever. -

Pardon my plainness of speech
Nothing would induce me to indulge
in it, but my strong personal
friendship for you. - Can't you &
Bro Pickett come out this afternoon
or evening and talk over the matter
with me & help me devise some
means to avert this great calamity to
you, to the Church and the cause of
Christian Education.
Your friend
Wm. H. Burleigh

J. W. Bowman
To the Com-
mittee June 17/78

6/17/1878

Ashland, June 17-1878.

To the Executive Committee
of Kentucky University
Gentlemen:

I desire you
to appoint some one to
receive from me all the
property in my possession
at Ashland, and also to
indicate when you will
receive possession of
the mansion and appurtenances
at Ashland.

I furthermore desire to
know what is your construction
of the resolutions of Curator
G. F. Smith as to the scope
of the powers conferred and
duties imposed upon the
Committee composed of

Messrs. E. W. Sayre, George Stoll, Jr.
and A. M. Barnes; so that I
may take such steps as I
may deem proper in regard
to the financial transactions
had by me with Kentucky
University during my
connection with it.

Very Respectfully,
J. B. Bourman.

7/11/1878

Ashland, July 11th 1878.

John B. Wallace, Esq.,

Sec. &c.

Your letter of the 10th inst., communicating the action of the Ex. Committee taken on the 9th of July in response to my letter of June 17th, was duly received.

I regret that no reply was made to that part of my letter asking information in regard to the scope of the resolutions of Curator G. H. Smith, adopted by the Board of Curators and looking to a settlement of the financial transactions between the University and myself -

I desire to have a settlement as early as possible and will be obliged if you will inform me what action the Committee took on that subject.

In reference to that portion of your communication asking "when it will suit you, and place to turn over the books, stocks, notes, &c. to the Committee of which I am a member" I would say that I have nothing of that kind in my possession except what I hold as the General Agent of the University.

Respectfully, yours, &c.

J. B. Bowditch

W Wallace to W Bowman

July 10/78

W Bowman reply July 11/78

Passerina Blooms & Rufus

7/15/1878

Ashland. July 15th 1878

Col. W. L. Vickers.

Dear Sir.

Your two letters of 10th & 13th
were received - the latter on the 13th inst -

It will not be convenient for me to give possession
of Ashland & appurtenances until after September
3rd, - the earliest day Capt Kidd thinks he can
make an advantageous sale of the valuable stock
I have on hand, and which I propose to sell
on that day.

In regard to my office of "General Agent" you
surely cannot entertain any serious doubts after
examining the records of the Institution, and
its history, and my relationships to it. You
will remember also that at the meeting of
Curators in June 1877, the Board after calling
for the Books, notes, &c. in my hands as General
Agent returned them to me with instructions
to go on with my work -

Curators Steele & Sullivan in Sunday Communi-
cations recognized the office - and in a
Communication received from Curator S. F.
Smith since the recent meeting of the Board,
in speaking of some contract or understanding
says "it was required" that I should remain
in possession of Ashland and in the discharge
of the duties of my office as "General Treasurer

W. J. Wittes to W. B. Brown ^{July 13/78}
and
Brown's reply July 15/78
Financial agency

Agent," Senator Lebb, also, in a letter
received since that meeting speaks of my
official work as General Agent,

But this is a matter too palpable for discussion.

In regard to the amendment to the Charter
approved in 1874, you will find upon
re-examination of the records that it had
sole reference to the office of Treasurer
His bond had been ^{for} \$100,000, and he kept in
his possession all the stocks, bonds, &c
belonging to his office. The amendment
reduced his bond to \$25,000, and placed
these securities in the hands of the Ex-
Committee. It had no reference whatever
to the books, notes &c, in the hands of the
General Agent.

Besides, I will need those books, notes &c
in preparing for the settlement with the
which I desire to make as early as possible
with the Special Committee appointed at the
last meeting of the Board, and whose resolutions
require that I shall place the same at
the disposal of said Committee, so there
will be no impediment on my part in
that matter -

Very respectfully yours &c

W. B. Brown

10/24/1878

KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY,

REGENT'S OFFICE,

Ashland, near Lexington, Ky., Oct 24th 1878,

Dear Mother,

Dear -

Years of the 19th was
revised on the 21st. I will pay for
the grazing soon - But I must call
your attention to what must have been
an oversight at your sale. The Hay
which I cut and cured from my yard
and put in the large Barn was sold
to Mr Cahill, and is claimed by him -
The Orchard also, which was the only cow
or horse lot attached to the premises, was
taken possession of by him together with
the fruit therein, without any conference
with me, this was a part of the "appur-
tenances" of Ashland, voted me by
the Board twelve years ago, and has
been in my exclusive possession ever
since. Surely he had no right to take
possession of it until I surrendered
the premises, and I presume he was
not authorized to do so by the Ex. Committee.

J. B. Bourne
In regard to Ashland
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KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY,

REGENT'S OFFICE,

Ashland, near Lexington, Ky., 187

In regard to meeting Ashland, I did not understand you on the day of sale, that the Dairy and Ice House were to be detached, nor was it so announced. I also understood that the Shop and the "Yesh Cottage" (formerly my Stable) were to be left in connection with Ashland. The cutting off the Dairy & Ice House from the Mansion also cuts off the Carriage House and Stable.

Again, there is not a lot left attached to the Mansion in which a horse or cow could be kept, except the yard, which it would be very objectionable to use for such purposes. Before accepting your proposition, I would like to know whether such encroachments of the appertinances will be resisted upon - Mr Cahill also informs me that he has been allowed the use of the private Cisterns attached to the Mansion, this will destroy all the privacy of the premises, Yours very truly
J. B. Bowman

12/30/1878

Ashland.

Dec 30th/78.

W. F. Withers Esq.

Dear Sir -

Yours of the 27th

was duly received.

Last June, without
waiving any of my official or
personal rights, but for good
and satisfactory reasons, I notified
the Ex. Committee that I desired to
have a full and complete settlement
of all matters financial, between
the University and myself and
to surrender Ashland and its
appurtenances.

I notified the Committee which
was appointed by the Board to
settle with me, to the same effect,
and urged upon them the settlement
at the earliest day practicable.

W. F. Withers
Dec 30/78

The Committee deferred any action until after the summer months, one of them being absent from the State for sometime. I again addressed them a letter and urged action.

They finally organized and laid down the basis of their proposed action which I promptly accepted. I again insisted on an early settlement on their own basis - addressing them a communication to that effect prior to my leaving for the South -

I returned home a few days ago, and find that they are not yet ready to proceed with the settlement. I will address them again, and urge the settlement as early as possible.

Just as soon as I can bring it about, as I informed

you and Curator Coleman sometime ago, I will cheerfully and promptly vacate Ashland in accordance with my original purpose and desire -

Very Respectfully, Yours &c
J. B. Bowman

1/2/1879

Ashland, Jan^y 2^d 1879

Col. W. S. Withers.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 30th Dec - received, the 31st, and I am equally surprised at its contents. You know that my original offer to vacate Ashland was coupled with the purpose and desire expressed by me to settle with the University in accordance with the proposition made by the Curators in June last.

It was with this expectation that I proposed to have my stock sale first in September, then in October, believing that the Committee of the Board would be prepared to make the settlement by that time.

You will also remember that I was disinclined for the same reason, to fix a time to vacate when you and Mr. Coleman called on me on the day of your sale; that I then told you it would depend upon the settlement, and when asked to name a time, we named the 1st of January, believing that the Committee would be able to make the settlement by that time.

Now you know, and the Committee of the Board will bear testimony that the delay has not been caused by me; that I have been urging the settlement, and that the delay has been caused by the fact that the Report of Prof. Perrin which was the basis of the settlement made by the Board with me as Treasurer in 1876; and which Report also has been

E. B. Bowman

W. J. Withen - Jay 2/79

made the basis of Comparison and Settlement by the present Committee has disappeared from the archives of the Institution; and that the Committee addressed a Communication to the Ex. Committee and other officers to use all efforts to find said Report - Mr Barnes, Chairman, informed me on Oct 23rd, had passed resolutions to that effect.

I have not heard whether the Ex. Committee have made any efforts to find that most important document -

You also know the Consideration for which Ashland and its appurtenances were voted as my residence; and that thousands of Dollars stand to my credit on the records of the Institution since 1868, the payment of which I have never yet pressed; Besides, ~~the~~ there are other accounts which I think the Settlement will show to be due me.

I think therefore, you cannot complain that I am keeping the Institution out of any proper source of income, and it would be very illiberal if not unjust, under all these circumstances to press me to vacate property which Curator J. F. Smith and others assured me was not contemplated by the Board at its last meeting -

I hope therefore, you will present this letter to the Ex. Committee and ask them to use their best efforts to find the Settlement made by Prof. Perrin and thus expedite the Settlement to be made by Mr Barnes' Committee - Very Respectfully Yours &c - E. B. Bowman



WM. T. WITHERS,

PROPRIETOR

7/13/1878

Fairlawn Stock Farm

copy letter sent J. B. Borman
through the City Lock Box 302 87

Lexington, Ky. July 13 1878

FAIRLAWN ADJOINS THE CITY OF LEXINGTON
Entrance—Foot of North Broadway; also, from Mulberry Street.

J. B. Borman Esq
Ashland

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 11th inst
to J. B. Wallace Secy Ex Comt, was received by
him yesterday & handed me with a great pleasure.
I enclose resolutions adopted by the Ex-
Committee on the subject of settlement &c which
was adopted at its first meeting after the
Board of Curators adjourned, and the Secretary
reflected to send it to you with the other two
resolutions. I trust it will fully meet your
views and enable you and the Special
Committee to come to a full settlement of your
Acct as Treasurer & Financial Agent and also
individually.

You speak of still being Financial Agent
of the University. Since the adoption of the
By Law and reorganization in 1865 or 1866
I understand that no such office exists,
certainly none such is named. But even
if such office exists, the resolution of the Executive
Committee in reference to all notes, books &c &c
being turned over to them is in strict compliance
with existing laws.

The Amendment to the Charter approved
July 5th 1868, and on your motion accepted
and adopted by the Board of Curators on 10th June 1874

Expressly provided, as follows: viz:
That all funds, certificates of stock, bonds,
promissory notes, or other evidence of debt,
belonging to the University shall be taken charge
of and safely kept by the Executive Committee
subject to the order of the Board of Curators,
and there shall be no disposal or transfer of
the same except by an order of the Board
and with the endorsement of the President
of the Board of Curators and the Chairman of the
Executive Committee, and countersigned by the
Secretary of said Committee.

We are anxiously conform to the
law feel confident you will think no
impediment in the way of our strictly
complying with the Express provisions of the
law. It is our mutual duty to do this
and the law contemplates that no seal, or
note, or shall remain in the custody or
under the control of any party not a board
officer, except the Executive Committee.
Please examine the Act of 1868 and we
feel there will be no difference of opinion
between us.

Yours very respectfully
Chairman Ex. Com. By H. S.
Chair Special Com. to receive and
accept for notes, bonds &c.

1839/1878



WM. T. WITHERS,
PROPRIETOR

Fairlawn Stock Farm,

Lock Box 392.

Lexington, Ky., December 30 1878

FAIRLAWN ADJOINS THE CITY OF LEXINGTON.
Entrance—Foot of Broadway; also, from Mulberry Street.

J. B. Bowman Esqr
Ashland

Dear Sir:

Your letter ^{this date} just received and is a great surprise to me, as you for the ~~third time~~ ^{third time} fixed a date you would give possession of the property of the University ^{received by you} and authorize ^{person} Cargill Coleman & myself to announce at ^{that} date that possession would be given ~~on the 1st~~ of January 1879 at the latest & perhaps sooner.

I fail to see any connection between your settlement with the Committee and holding on to the property of the University after agreeing to ~~re-surrender it~~ ^{to the University} & thus depriving ^{the University} of a legitimate source of expense which it ^{to pay the expenses of conducting the Institution} needs ~~very much~~. I feel confident that on reflection you as a Curator of Ky University will not do ~~it~~ ^{the injustice of depriving the Institution of this} ^{source of expense} and using it for your own private purposes, but that you will either rent ^{it} yourself or at once more out as you agreed to do, so we can put in a tenant on the 1st day of January 1879.

Please favor me with your final answer ^{at once} as the Executive Committee meet on Friday the 3rd proximo ^{may} to submit your answer to the Committee — Very respectfully
Wm T Withers
of Executive Committee

W. J. Miller
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B. Bruner

PROPRIETOR
M. T. MILLERS

Black & White

lock box 300

Seamstress

ENTRANCE - ROOM OF BONDERS; ALSO, FROM HARBOR STREET
FURNISHING ABOVE THE CITY OF LEICESTER

1873

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