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J. O. Harrison
letter of Jan^y 17th
1878 declining to
act as Arbitrator

Lexington Jan^y 17. 1878

Col. Wm. T. Withers
& others

Dear Sir Having read the Resolutions of
The Board of Curators of The Kentucky University
of June last, & highly appreciating, as I do,
the Compliment of being appointed, together with
Messrs M. C. Johnson & F. K. Hunt, a Referee for
the Arbitration & settlement of the difficulties
referred to, it would afford me, I assure you &
all concerned, great pleasure to aid in settling
those difficulties, if there were any reasonable
probability of my being able to give the subject
the attention & consideration necessary to a
just settlement thereof. My age however, &
the very feeble state of my health render any
such attempt by me utterly impossible, I there-
fore must decline the Honor & the chance
of doing a great Public Good

Thanking the Regent & each member of
the Executive Committee for their confidence
in me, I am most respectfully
Yours truly
J. O. Harrison