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Pro. W. J. Withers:

You have doubtless noticed the recommendations of the Governor, in his Message, to the Legislature, in regard to the A. & M. College. I do trust the Legislature will sever the connexion of Ky. University & College this winter. & I think the Curators should hasten to present the Legislature with an earnest petition, asking them to take the A. & M. College away. If I am still a Curator I will most cheerfully sign my name to the petition, or authorize it to be signed. If we can thus throw off the A. & M. C. we will have ridged the Institution of one source of annoyance to the Brotherhood of Ky. & then let the Curators do away with the Regency, & let a President be appointed, in whom the Brotherhood of Ky. have full Confidence, & let the affairs of the University be settled up as soon as possible. By thus acting, perhaps we may yet arrest the total ruin of Ky. University, & have enough means left to form a pretty good basis on which to build up the Institution. It seems to me that the friends about Lexington ought to be up & doing, so as to -