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Ethelbert D. Warfield to Francis J. Grimké

Chambersburg, Pa., December 11, 1922.

My dear Mr. Grimké:

I have just received your circular. It is amazing to me that a Christian minister and a member of the same church should attack a Christian college under the care of his church for any reason whatsoever without making any inquiry of those authorities who are authorized to speak on the subject under consideration with reference to the grounds of the charge made.

So far as I am aware Wilson College has never discriminated against any person on the ground of race or color. My own record with reference to race prejudice, that of my brother at Princeton, that of my grandfather, Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, and his brothers, both distinguished southern educators, and of my great grandfather, who with Thomas Jefferson laid the foundation for emancipation, not only in Virginia and Kentucky but in America, is absolutely clean.

Will you be so kind as to send me immediately an exact statement of any case of discrimination on account of race or color ever made by Wilson College.

Unless I am mistaken you were in Princeton Seminary with my brother, Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield, and I think should know at least how vigorous his protest against race discrimination always was. You may well be ignorant of the less part which I have been privileged to play.

Please send me a positive, clear and detailed statement of the ground on which you have made a charge so injurious, and I believe so unjust.

Very truly yours,
Ethelbert D. Warfield.

Ethelbert D. Warfield to Francis J. Grimké

Chambersburg, Pa., December 28, 1922.

My dear Dr. Grimké:

I thank you for your letter. You have acted like a Christian gentleman, as I believed you would. My brother used to talk about you when I was only a little lad. He had a high regard for you.

May I plead with you not to fail to recognize that there are