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The Diploma for the Degree of Doctor
of Laws which the Trustees & Faculty of this College did
themselves this Honour of conferring upon you last Session
merited ought to have been sent long ago but as there
was no printed forms for the Honorary Degrees we often
found it difficult to get them properly executed. This occa-
sioned a little Delay at first which has been protracted to
a very blameable Length. I now accompany this
Letter and I hope you will have no Difficulty in believing
that all concerned in this College were not barely willing
but proud of the Opportunity of paying some Attention to
and giving a Testimony of their Approbation of one of
their own Sons who has done them so much Honour
by his publick Conduct. And as it has been my peculiar
Happiness to know perhaps more than any of them
your Usefulness in an important Station on that and
some other Accounts there was none to whom I gave more
Satisfaction than to see your most chearful and hearty

Your affectionate Father

John Witherspoon