

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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DANIEL WILLARD,
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
2 NORTH CHARLES STREET.

My dear Professor Mitchell:

With further reference to the subject matter of our discussion in my office yesterday afternoon: On my way into town this morning I stopped at President Bowman's office and talked with him also about the matter. I told him of your inquiry as to whether in my opinion he would receive a petition from you or if the Board of Trustees would receive and act on such a petition with reference to the negro question. He replied substantially as you did yesterday to a somewhat similar question by me. He said the affairs of a University, which is sometimes referred to as a group of scholars, are conducted quite differently in many ways from the manner, we will say, in which industrial undertakings such as a railroad are carried on. President Bowman stated that it was customary when such questions arose concerning the internal management of the University, that they be taken up in the first instance with the Academic Council which consists, as I understand, of your colleagues on the faculty, and I suggest that if you desire to pursue the subject matter further, you take it up with the Council in accordance with the established practice of the University.

I wish to add that I was very much interested in our conversation yesterday afternoon. While it was apparent of course that our personal views were quite dissimilar concerning many matters of fundamental importance, nevertheless I was interested in hearing from you