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Dartmouth University April 22nd 94

Dear brother

I sit down to inform you of that which I never dream
would be my lot to do so, long as I live, — I have been
suspended from college, publicly reprimanded & fined \$10.00.
All this was for what I was never guilty since I was born
into the world — This my dear brother is true! —

The crime that they alledge, against me was the
cutting off a freshmen's hair in the time of prayers.
This freshman had come from his own seat up
by one class and entered our pew or one belonging
to our class. I sat in the pew adjacent but there
were none there & that sat nearest him from my-
self. The evidence they had against me was but one
only. This was my enemy from the ^{time} of his entering college
and had been previously known to say he wished
he could have an opportunity to get me expelled
from college. This fellow swore he saw me cut off the
said freshmen's hair. This was wounded at by many
but that he should swear he saw me cut the hair
so plainly & without hesitation, when he sat
in another range of pews, and it being so dark
that a person could not distinguish one's counte-
enance so far off. However this made no odds with
him. — When the result was read I was sent for
to go to prayers. After they had gotten through.
I rose from my seat publicly declared my innocence
& called to witness every person who was not adverse
to falsehood, prejudice, & uncharitableness. — After all was

loved I went to the President to know what I was to do, he told 'to stay & study as before— I asked him what the suspension for six months meant— He did not

not could not give me a satisfactory answer,

I wish not leave to go home— it was given as usual.

Just before I started to go the following credential was handed to me to show to my friends— Which I have copied verbatim—

"Whereas a concurrence of unfortunate circumstances has so operated, that, the character of Junior Grose has in one instance been publicly reprehended at this University, and as the tongue of slander may not only exaggerate to his respected relations & friends the range of this reprehension, but may therefrom draw conclusions injurious to his former character. Therefore, we, whose names are under written members of the Junior Class at Dartmouth University think ourselves in duty bound to manifest to the respected relations & friends of Mr Grose our esteem & good opinion of him during our collegiate acquaintance. And with the greatest sincerity, we can say that for almost three years acquaintance, we have found his character to be consistent with that of the gentle man & the scholar that his attention to the orders & regulations of this institution has been such as must meet with the approbation of the virtuous— that we have ever experienced in him a true friend & an agreeable companion & room companion— And that with respect to the late accusation, ~~in which~~ for which public admonition suspension &c we inflicted, Mr Grose might have extricated himself had he dispensed with a point of collegiate honor, But had he even been the respe-

tor of the alleged crime, it must have been con-
sidered trifling & almost unnoticeable had not
other circumstances with which Mr. Clappin
was connected been considered as tending to its ex-
aggeration."

With regard to the point of collegiate honor

They offered me that if I would inform of
any of the mischief done in college they
would acquit me & say no more about
it - I told them that I was innocent of
any offence myself and that I thought
sufficient to clear me - As for in forming
of others faults, I was not the confidant
of any who did mischief and I was not
going to find out -

They therefore inflicted this disgrace upon
me - The above paper was signed by 26
of my class the other nine were my
most ardent enemies or pusillanimous
sneakers. One father was very much offend-
ed - sent a letter to the President &c
to forgive my poor writing for I am in
a great haste I am ever yours

Philander Chase

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Philadelphia
the 22nd of June
1892