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Elma, 24th Jan. 1859.

To Mr. John Jay Johns President of the
Board of Directors Linden Wood F. College

Sir,

For the information of your Board, I avail myself of this occasion to notify you as follows-- On the 15th. day of the present month of January 1859, I evacuated So much of the old mansion at Linden-Wood as was necessary to conform to the terms of the Lease that was executed on the 19th. day of April 1858- Mr. Schenck has Since my Removal, taken possession of a part of the Released premises;- with your concurrence, I presume-

As to my Rent - I here quote from the Lease Deed- "The payments of Rent under this lease will fall due hereafter, on the 15th days of November- Feby- May & August- the first payment will fall due on the 15th. day of Novem. 1858"- (the quarterly dues are \$200) Not being able to Remove from the Mansion & appurtenances till the 15th. Inst (the only part of the leased premises that I Retained after the 15th. Augt. last, & that agreeably to a verbal understanding) I do not claim any other Rent from the 15th. Augt. to 15th. Jany, than what I Settle with Stonebraker for under his lease from me with one exception, which I will advert to presently#. But I now Notify you that I Shall claim from your Board on the 15th. of Feby. next \$16.66 over & above the \$150 that Mr. Stonebraker will Settle with me, and from that day forward (15th. Prox.) I Shall claim under your covenanted promise, contd. in the Deed of Lease, "promptly & faithfully as they fall due" the Quarterly paymt of \$200_ irrespective of any Sales or leases that yr. Board may make, or have Made- Your Sale of 20 Acres to Mr. Watson, has the effect to abstract about 12 Acres from the field Stonebraker leased from me, for which he, Stonebraker charges me at the Rate of \$5 per acre, and deducts that Amt. from his Rent & this I also claim from the Board; for in conformity with the terms of the Lease my Rent may not be impaired by any Sales or leases the Directory may Make- I make this communn. that the Directory & all concerned, may be well advised, So that no misunderstanding may hereafter arise &c.

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Svt.

Geo. C. Sibley

Elma- 24th. January 1859-