

A. and M. College of Kentucky  
Feb 21, 1900.

The faculty met in the Presidents room in the college building at 3 pm in called session.

Present: President Patterson, Profs, Anderson, Brooks, <sup>Kastle</sup> Neville, Mathews, Peuce, Pryor, Roark, White, Wernicks, McKenzie, and Major Carpenter.

Musselman, J. F.  
Case of discipline

The object of the meeting was the consideration of a finding by the Board of Discipline in the case of cadet J. F. Musselman.

The charges preferred against cadet Musselman before the Board of Discipline were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Conduct unbecoming and officer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Disrespectful language to a Professor.

On motion of Prof Anderson ordered that the faculty proceed to investigate the case.

Cadet Musselman was invited into the room.

At the request of the Chairman Prof McKenzie made a statement: He said in substance that he had been annoyed frequently (almost daily) during the preceding month by raps on the door of his recitation room, that on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February the rap was unusually loud, He ascertained that cadet Graves or Musselman had rapped on that day, He asked Mr Musselman if he did it, he seemed defiant, had the bearing of a culprit and declined to say. He was sent to the President, He went to Prof McKenzies room on the following day still seeming defiant and said he came to <sup>apologize</sup> not because he was afraid of Prof McKenzie but to save Graves. Prof McKenzie refused to accept such an apology, told him that his conduct was unbecoming a senior and an officer and indicated that the interview had closed. Mr Musselman persisted in arguing the case

saying that Prof. McKenzie had exaggerated his side of the question, that he had overstepped his authority. After more remarks by both he told Mr. Musselmann that his conduct was babyish and that he was not a gentleman.

To this Mr. Musselmann replied that he could return the compliment.

Mr. Musselmann was then asked if he desired to make a statement.

He said that he had rapped on the door on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, that when called in he declined to affirm or deny because he had made an agreement with his comrades to that effect. That <sup>the</sup> President who told him that if guilty he should apologize to Prof. McKenzie, that he went to the room, was not defiant, not excited and began his apology, by saying that he hoped Prof. McKenzie would not think him a coward for apologizing then, or because he had not apologized sooner.

That he was not allowed to finish his apology, that Prof. McKenzie said his conduct was unbecoming an officer, that he was a coward and a baby and that he was not a gentleman.

That his intention was to apologize in good faith, that he did not say that Prof. McKenzie was overstepping his authority, that he finally said "If you call this a compliment I can return the compliment".

Cadets, Elliott, Ripy, and Dowling, were called in. Each stated that he sat in the back part of the room, that Prof. McKenzie and Mr. Musselmann were talking when they entered the room, that they at first talked in an undertone, later both could be heard distinctly, that the loud talking continued from three to five minutes.

Each stated that there had been frequent raps on the door during several weeks preceding.

Mr. Musselmann was then excused.

On motion the first charge was sustained by an aye and no vote as follows:

Aye - Profs. Neville, Kastle, Roark, Pryor, Mathews, Peuce, Wincke, Brooks, & Carpenter, - 9.

No. - White, Anderson, - 2

On motion the second charge was sustained as follows:

Aye - Profs. Neville, Kastle, Roark, Pryor, Anderson, Mathews, Peuce, Wincke, Brooks, Carpenter, - 10

No. - Prof White, - 1

Prof White explained his vote by saying that he thought that Mr. Musselneau intended to apologize in good faith.

Prof. McKenzie requested to be excused from voting.

Prof. Mathews moved that the punishment, (reduction to ranks or relief from all military duty) fixed by the Board of Discipline be approved, seconded

Prof. Kastle offered as a substitute that a public reprimand be administered by the President.

It was then voted on motion that further consideration of the case be postponed till 3 pm Friday Feb 23.

Adjourned.

James K. Patterson  
President,

V. C. Macey,  
Secretary.

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