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eager desire in some quarters to have all the authority of the University concentrated in one person. I also feel that there is no desire to select colored teachers who will be potential in the affairs of the institution, I admit this is a feeling merely. Balloch's lack of force, of promptness is what caused me to write my sharp letter to Durkee. The trouble is due to the disposition on the president's part to ignore law and usage, and assume authority. Dr. Jackson is forced upon the Medical Dept. He is not a man of parts, and has no standing of note. I have written to Dr. Balloch and have shown him wherein lies the weakness of his Dept.

You, and Hilliar¹ will have to save the University, you two are upon the Executive Committee which is most fortunate. I enclose a letter to Hilliar which I wish you will direct to him. I do not know his full name. The president wants to get Hilliar off of the Execut. committee. Why? We know. But think of the cheek of the man! He desires to manipulate matters so as to have men on the board and committees who will do his wish.

Keep the president off of the Trustee Board no matter if he does make it a personal matter.

Sincerely yours,
Charles B. Purvis.

Wallace Radcliffe to Francis J. Grimké

June 18, 1919.

My dear Grimké:

I have just read, with great interest, your address of welcome to returning soldiers. You are exactly right, the race prejudice is a reproach to America, and a great wrong, especially today, after the superb service of the colored soldiers, there should be a special shame and indignation. But I am sure there is and will be a very great improvement in that matter in the very near future; there has been and there will be a very much more rapid and permanent advance. The record of the colored soldier in France will go into history, and will be, in itself, a great power for recognition and influence.

Thank you for your cordial and appreciative words.

Sincerely yours,
Wallace Radcliffe.

¹ "Hilliar" means Andrew F. Hilyer, a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees.