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Dear Provost,

Dr Harland has recently informed me that, in a letter of yours to him, you stated, in respect to the incident in which I was attacked by the College servants under your orders, that "he expressed his deep regret for the position in which the College was placed by the incident of Monday last, for which he assumed the responsibility. He also asked me to express to the servants of the College his deep regret for the position in which they were placed by the action of himself and his staff."

So far as they concern me, these statements are untrue, and I must ask you not to make them again. I expressed my deep regret for the disgrace which the College had suffered by the inconsiderate orders which you had given, and not by any action of mine. Again, I can take no responsibility for the regrettable position in which the servants of the College were placed by the orders

they had received. This was not due to any action of myself or of any other member of my department.

Again, I do not know, and certainly never asserted, that 9/10th of the reports of the incident which appeared in the press were entirely untrue. Some of them were inaccurate in detail, but this is quite a different matter.

Yours sincerely,