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Columbus Miss Oct 20/99

Hon. J. M. Stone  
Pres. A & M. College.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th Inst. to have noted  
I was not aware that I was doing  
violence to the regulations of the College in  
my request with reference to my son &  
of course if it cannot be consistently  
granted will withdraw

As before stated, it was not to shirk  
any labor, but to have more time to  
devote to his studies. We feel that all  
the time given to field & mechanical  
work with him, will be wasted.

He has held a position in the P. R. office  
at Artesia for the past 18 months. Found  
which he got leave of absence for  
nine months to attend school - & to his  
credit has saved enough money

from his salary to pay his way -  
It is doubtful about his going to  
School any more after this Session.  
as he has a permanent position with  
the Railroad Co - & they could not be  
expected to let him off again - Therefore  
we feel anxious for him to have his full  
time given to a literary & business  
course - I did not favor the A & M for  
him. As I feared he would be hampered  
by the A & M work. but Pro. Joe. Cook  
strongly recommended that Colloge & I  
qualify - You will find him to be  
a close hard student. & he will give you  
no trouble in his department. He goes  
to the school on his own volition &  
resources. to better prepare himself for his  
life work. & wishes to devote his full time  
to that end.

Yours very truly  
T. J. Mason

Columbus Miss 10/14/99

Hon J. M. Stone

President A & M College - Starkville Miss  
Dean Sir

I respectfully request that you excuse & relieve  
my son J. M. Mason from all Mechanical & Agricultural  
work in the College. He has not been in school for  
two years - & is really behind his classes. Will  
not be able to keep up. unless he has more time  
to devote to his studies. which he is exceedingly  
anxious to do. And then he has already chosen  
his profession. Railroad & office work. hence the  
courses in these departments will be of no service  
to him. He & I desire that he be permitted to  
devote his full time to a literary & business  
Course -  
Yours very truly J. M. Mason